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Merry Christmas

Note from Bro. Jed: Two things that are crucial in open-air preaching are good weather and good location. When the weather is bad and one stills

draws the attention of hundreds throughout the afternoon, one can consider that an outstanding day. Despite the daily weather being not conducive for open air preaching, each day turned out to be from good to outstanding. This was the worse two week stretch of weather in which I preached in my memory. There were a few times when watching the bad weather predictions that I contemplated calling it a school semester and heading home. I am so glad that we did not do that. "The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in the harvest, and have nothing (Proverbs 20:4)."

This was a wonderful two week trip with Bro. We had good fellowship and worked well as a team. We expect to have many souls in the harvest as a result of our determination to plow through the winter.

ONE ON ONE WITNESSING

Texas A & M, December 7, 2009, Pearl Harbor Day

There is much construction going on which has changed the flow of traffic. The pedestrians by the Academic Building were relatively sparse; the temperature was in the low fifties with a mist in the air at times. We never gathered a crowd; but we did have some good conversations with individuals.

The first dialogue was with a man who said he was "Reformed;" however, he was not sure on limited atonement. He wanted to talk doctrine more than his personal sins or living holy. He claimed that one could not live holy. I quoted 1 Cor. 10:13 to him reminding him that whenever we are tempted God will show us the way to escape. "Yah, I have that verse on the back of my t-shirt." But this big Sola Scriptural man really did not believe 1 Cor. 10:13; evidently to him God does allow us sometimes to be tempted above that which we are able to withstand. Do we believe that God is faithful or not?

When he left he said he just wore the t-shirt because he had nothing else clean. He also said my sign would just make people angry.

A fellow stopped on his bike for a moment to tell me he still remembered some of my quotes from my visit in February when I spent two weeks on campus. He said to me, you said, "If you really have the gift of eternal life, you will want to shout it from the housetops."

A girl named Sarah asked what we were doing. Bro talked to her for a long time. She tearfully admitted that she did not like what she had become after coming from a Christian home to the University. Bro prayed with her before she left crying.

A cadet (Josh) stopped to tell me that he remembered when I preached on February 6. He was visiting the campus and my preaching was one of the reasons that he decided to come to A & M. It was not clear to me why my preaching had that affect. He did speak on how he got involved with talking to many students about the Lord that day as a result of the ministry. He was an ambitious young man. He said, "I want to change the world."

While we were talking a nice looking young lady (except for two piercings on her left brow) looked at my sign and said, "I am a Christian and I masturbate." I was taken aback that an apparently well-mannered girl could so nonchalantly say that to two men whom she had just met. I explained to her why self-abuse is wrong. She did say a few times, "That makes sense." But she also informed me that her pastor back home had given a sermon on masturbation and he said, "Go ahead and do it."

I offered to pray with her for deliverance from lust. But she said she was not ready yet; but she promised to think about and pray about what I told her.

Later I said to Josh. "Did you hear how that girl (Reagan) announced without any shame that she masturbated. Josh said, "Oh, I sometimes do that myself." I exhorted him. He did not try to defend the perversion.

Meanwhile, Bro had an hour long conversation with an atheist whom I had initially started a talk. But I had turned him over to Bro since he had a lot of questions on evolution.

I did have confrontations with a few students, especially a Jewish boy who claimed that my God was intolerant but his God was tolerant. I said, "Is not your God the God of the Ten Commandments? The first Commandment says, "'Thou shalt put no other God's before me.' Your God does not tolerate idolatry, disobedience to parents, adultery, stealing, or coveting. Your God does not tolerate sin."

Two boys wearing t-shirts saying, "Ask a Catholic any question" struck up a conversation with me. One of them said I had given him a copy of Who Will Rise Up? two years ago. He indicated that the book had made a positive

impression upon him. Meanwhile, it started to shower. Bro and I left campus at 3:30.



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A JESUS PRETENDER INADVERTENTLY HELPS US

Texas A & M, December 8, 2009

The weather was damp and in the low 60's when we arrived on campus about 11:15. I read a few chapters of Hosea at the top of my voice as students were trickling by. "They will not frame their doings to turn unto their God: for the spirit of whoredoms [is] in the midst of them, and they have not known the LORD (Hosea 5:4)." I occasionally commented on the prophet and made application to students' lives.

Eventually, several stopped; a few of them were professing atheists whom I confronted. I drew a group of up to 12; some were professing lesbians or female bisexuals.

One atheist asked how a loving God could order genocide against the Canaanites, especially a judgment which would include babies and young children. One Christian strongly objected to my Open Theism views. After about an hour I turned the meeting over to Bro who spoke on intelligent design. However, by 1:15 only a few people were left.

I interrupted Bro so that I could start preaching again since there was a small class break. I failed in building up another crowd. After 20 minutes of preaching everyone was gone. Since the weather was so unpleasant, I concluded that it was time to call it a day. I did not think we would gather another crowd; and I did not want to wait for another break.

However, as we were getting our stuff together a few students appeared who started asking questions. Soon a man dressed in a robe, wearing a fake beard and pretending to be Jesus, appeared on the scene. I focused upon the mocker to build another crowd which reached 50 students.

One fellow with an effeminate manner and carrying a pink Bible confronted me on my lack of love. I made fun of his pink Bible for which I was accused by others as being unloving.

The main issue became holiness. Every excuse they brought up to sin, Bro and I nailed to the Cross. About 4:30 I dismissed the students since I had a dinner engagement. However, the students kept standing around; so I started exhorting them again. Then I would stop and say we had to leave. But the students would not leave; so once again I reiterated on how Christians could live holy. Finally, shortly after 5, we departed.

Meanwhile, Bro had a conversation with a student who believed in both street preaching and holiness. Bro said in all of his years he had never met a student with such maturity of faith. The student said that he was a member of a campus group who exhorted their fellows to holiness.

Bro and I had dinner with an old mentor, Dr. R. C., from the history department from Indiana State, whom I largely credit for my love of American history. He retired to College Station. Over the last ten years whenever I come to Texas A & M, we have dinner together. He lost his wife to cancer this past summer after 63 years of marriage. He took care of her in his home until

the end, which is commendable, especially in our day. He is the leading scholar on Eugene V. Debs, who was also from Terre Haute. At 86, Dr. C. remains lucid and works out in the gym three days a week. He gets around with the help of a cane. Please pray for his salvation. He is a gentle man; but still, he needs the Lord.



Texas A&M





DR. R.C. and Jed

FAITH WHICH WORKS

Sam Houston State, December 9, 2009

I started preaching at 10:45 with weather in the mid-forties and mostly sunny. However, I did not get a crowd. I decided to wait until it became warmer. Bro started preaching and within 15 minutes he had 12-15 gather. There was one very vocal and aggressive agnostic. When he expressed his skepticism, several in the crowd challenged him, especially one fellow who appeared to be older than most students. He was doing well in defending the faith; however, he ended up drawing attention from Bro. Bro said later that this was one of the most unusual experiences in his ministry for so many in the crowd to be supportive of his defense of the faith and to have so many students challenging an unbeliever.

At the next break I preached and was able to unite the crowd again. I noticed that at noon around fifty students formed a prayer circle. This is evidently a daily practice on this campus. They only prayed about five minutes; but I

know of no other campus which has a visible noon prayer gathering of that size. Chi Alpha Christian fellowship has 600 members here.

A short-haired girl asked me, "Why are you just speaking of the promiscuity of the women and not the men. "Good question," I answered. "We do need to address the whoremongering of the men."

Later she admitted that she was an atheist. Next she said that she was bisexual. I focused on her for about 30 minutes, seemingly having the support of many in the crowd of about 40. She said that she concluded that God did not exist when she was 8 years old.

"That was before you even reached the age of reason," I responded. "At eight years old you thought that you knew more than your Baptist parents and God Himself! At eight years old you rejected the wisdom of the ages. You probably announced your unbelief to shock your parents and others. You wanted to be different. Now for years you have been declaring your atheism; and you have committed yourself to a position, which would be very humbling for you now to deny."

I turned the meeting back to Bro; but within 20 minutes he lost the crowd. He tried various angles to keep their attention but nothing caught on. The brother who had interrupted Bro had 8-10 people around him; and the Mormon missionaries had several talking to them. Evidently, both of these discussion groups were provoked by our ministry. Bro said, "The Mormons were trying to steal our harvest."

At 1:45 I started preaching again and gathered about a dozen. One fellow held a sign which said, "It not about fire and brimstone. It is by faith only." Several times he quoted Ephesians 2:8-9; each time I added verse 10, which he ignored.

I challenged the "by faith only" doctrine with James 2:17-26. The fact is that saving faith is never alone; true faith always embraces works.

Eventually, another brother drew this man into a discussion. Like the man that interrupted Bro, his intentions were good; but he was out of order. I wanted to not only use this "faith only guy" to illustrate points; but I also wanted to use him as a foil to build a crowd on a cold day. Heated discussion has a way of heating the body as well.

I turned a crowd of about 10 over to Bro at 3 PM. However, within 20 minutes only one person was listening. By now there was a cloud covering which apparently made it too cold for the students. We left campus at 3:30. Several students throughout the day thanked us for coming.

“HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF HOLY HUBERT?”

Sam Houston State, December 10, 2009

The weather was cold and cloudy; the sun was predicted to be shining today; but we saw little sun. I started preaching about 10:45 and gathered 10-12 students which gradually built to 20 or so. There were two boys with scrap iron in their faces who were boldly supportive to me against my critics. They explained that they knew of someone who was converted as a result of my preaching on a previous visit.

When Bro preached, he gathered more students with the crowd reaching at times 75-100. On the sidelines I had 6-8 Chi Alpha students around me, including the two with facial piercings. They were all supportive. One fellow even asked me, “Have you ever heard of Holy Hubert?” I do not recall being asked about Holy Hubert on campus for over a decade. I was surprised that the boy had heard of him. He explained that in Chi Alpha they prefer to read dead authors such as Finney, who proved their faithfulness unto the end.

One Christian even asked me to tell the Farmer Brown story. Farmer Brown is an Iowa farmer who uses his new Escalade as a tractor. Hence it breaks down. I explain that as an automobile is not designed to be used as a tractor, our minds and bodies are not designed to plow the fields of sin. When I tell the narrative on campus, I draw it out for ten minutes. I was encouraged that the story made a memorable impression on the boy helping him to understand that sin is contrary to man’s design and nature. He is the first student who has asked me to retell the Farmer Brown story. I get many requests to tell my tales which illustrate the follies of fornication.

During my last teaching session a man was defending socialism. I was surprised when a number of students jumped all over him in their defense of capitalism. The socialist was so frustrated that he was forming at the mouth.

When this interchange took place, it was approaching 4 PM. I decided that this would be a good time for me to step aside. Shortly after, Bro and I left campus (after encouraging a group of Christians) since we had a five hour drive so that we could be in striking distance of the University of Oklahoma tomorrow. When we left there were still a number of students arguing over issues we had raised. Bro reported that six students thanked him for coming to campus. About that many also encouraged me.

SHSU may have the strongest Christian witness of any campus that I have visited. I did not notice the noon prayer session today. Maybe I was wrong about it being a daily event or maybe it was not held on account of the cold.

PLOWING THROUGH

University of Oklahoma, December 11, 2009

The weather was supposed to be in the high forties and sunny. We never saw the sun and I don't think the temperature ever reached forty. With a strong breeze it was quite cold. I held up my YOU DESERVE HELL sign and preached on the Bottomless Pit as students were passing. A number of students cursed me as they passed. One girl accusing me of hate speech called the police but they never showed. We ended up drawing a crowd of up to fifty, which was surprising considering the cold.

There was a girl who was very upset over my sign who professed to be a Christian. I had an exchange with her which lasted for 30 minutes. She was constantly contradicting herself and finally called her grandfather, who is evidently a retired Disciples of Christ minister. She was in tears when she talked with him. Bro also had a conflict with her; she then came over and talked to me personally. Now she decided she liked me and apologized for her behavior; but now she disliked Bro. I gave her a copy of [Who Will Rise Up?](#) I am confident that she will never forget this day. I believe the girl was under deep conviction.

A week ago today when we were on the campus the students were attentive and sober and relatively respectful. We had hopes that this mood would continue today. However, they were riled up now and in a frivolous mood.

By 3 there were only a few still listening. We had an eight hour drive home; so we decided to get on the road.



THE PURPOSE OF GOD'S JUDGMENTS

Ezek 20:24 Because Israel had not executed my judgments (neither against her own people nor against Canaan), but had despised my statutes, and had polluted my sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers' idols. {25} Wherefore I gave them also statutes that were not good, and judgments whereby they should not live: {26} And I polluted them in their own gifts, in that they caused to pass through the fire all that openeth the womb, that I might make them desolate (devoid of inhabitants deserted, laid waste), to the end that they might know that I am the LORD.

Upon entering the Promised Land the Jews were supposed to have utterly destroyed the Canaanites, including their women, children and babies. [God is not always opposed to innocent blood being shed.] The Canaanites were people of bad blood. They had a long history of idolatry. God commanded them and their seed to be completely wiped out. They had become so corrupted as a people that they were beyond hope and a cancer to the human race.

Instead of genocide, the Jews took to serving the gods of Canaan, which the LORD had foreseen, which is the reason that He wanted them utterly destroyed. God was also aware that by sparing the innocent babies and children, that they would be a future threat to Israel when they became adults, which turned out to be the case. So God willed genocide against these heathens; the innocent destroyed with the guilty. The Jews failed God; so He gave Israel bad laws and deathly judgments which would result in their own destruction by their own hand.

Christians might want to consider the possibility that the children who are survivors of abortion today may likely be our worst enemies tomorrow. Those that are raised by the humanists, socialists and God haters of today could well be the ones persecuting us in the future. When this generation of abortion survivors comes of age and takes their places as legislatures and judges, they may well be the ones who perceive the Christians with their large families as a major threat to their power. They may reason, "We don't want more than one child, but we can't have these Christians continuing to have large families or they will soon outnumber us. Let us pass legislation prohibiting more than one child and requiring abortion after one child." It has already happened in China.

The majority of conceptions which end in abortion are a result of fornication. If girls don't get pregnant, then we don't have to worry about abortion. Christians have the opportunity to be most effective in stopping the abortion carnage by promoting the morality which would make abortion a non-issue. Probing even deeper, the Church needs to direct her message against the selfishness and rebellion which results in all acts of sin including abortion.

Although it was commonplace for the Israelites to sacrifice their children to the fires of Molech during the ministries of Jeremiah and Ezekiel, the prophets evidently limited their action to preaching against this abomination.

Notice that in Ezek 20:25 the prophet speaks of God giving Israel statutes which did not promote life. Evidently, their law allowed the killing of their children and protected the killers from prosecution.

Could it be that God in His providence gave America a Supreme Court which legalized abortions? Along with many other Christians, I prayed for years that God would one way or another remove the justices who supported abortion. Yet they seemed to flourish into old age (often past their 70 to 80 allotted years) and were then replaced by men whom were like-minded. Meanwhile countless numbers of heathen women have become barren (desolate) if not as a result of abortion, then by various birth-control methods or venereal disease. Likewise, also the men rejecting their roles as husbands and fathers have by choice become desolate and degenerate, and God has given over many of them (sodomites) over to reprobate minds.

The preachers should both be warning of God's judgment. Leave the actual judgment to God. The married preachers need to use their bedtime to procreate more children, and use their waking hours bringing them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. After a further season of America being under the rod of God, perhaps in His mercy, He will restore America's godly

heritage, should the Church be faithful. [See Ezek 20:33-44]. Should that day of Renewal come, we will have prepared a generation capable of governing according to God's righteous laws, a generation that will outlaw abortion. Meanwhile, on the other hand the heathen will have killed off much of their own posterity.

One might ask, "Are you suggesting that abortion is the result of God's judgment and therefore we should not fight against it? If yes, would it not follow that we should promote it?" I am suggesting that abortion may be God's judgment or His curse upon the humanists, socialists and the generally immoral, who disobey God and do not even value their own seed.

God had clearly commanded the Jews to commit genocide against the Canaanites. They failed; so God gave Israel bad laws and deathly judgments which would result in their self-destruction. If I am right, then God is allowing these heathen to curse their own posterity by willingly carrying out their own judgment-- **"Cursed shall be the fruit of thy own body (Deut 28:18)."**

Jeremiah and Ezekiel opposed the sacrificing of infants to Molech, but evidently their efforts were limited to preaching. These prophets may have stood in front of the fires of Molech as they preached. Perhaps they also persuaded some parents to change their minds at the last moment. Maybe even a few mothers or fathers repented of their idolatry.

Sometimes God's judgments are absolute upon the wicked and their offspring such as in the case of the Flood, and such as were intended in the destruction of the nations of Canaan. However, in other Biblical judgments such as plagues, compassionate and God fearing people may have relieved the sick and the suffering and even saved the lives of some of the wicked. No, we should never promote abortion. If abortion is God's judgment on the wicked, evidently, it is a limited judgment.

"Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done it? (Amos 3:6 KJV)"

"(Lam 3:37-38 KJV) Who is he that saith, and it cometh to pass, when the Lord commandeth it not? {38} Out of the mouth of the most High proceedeth not evil and good?"

Jeremiah makes clear that it was God's judgment through His instrument, the Babylonians, that resulted in the terrible destruction that had come among his people and that the Lord showed no pity even on babies and children who were being eaten by their parents. Jeremiah was weeping over the situation and likely God was as well. Jeremiah had tried to prevent it by warning them to not fight the Babylonians, but to submit.

"(Psa 137:8-9 KJV) O daughter of Babylon, who art to be destroyed; happy shall he be, that rewardeth thee as thou hast served us. {9} Happy shall he be, that taketh and dasheth thy little ones against the stones."

In God's time He intended that the Babylonians would receive God's retribution for their merciless judgments against Israel.

When God's judgments are carried out against the heathen, He promises that the instruments of His judgments will be blessed, even those who kill the heathen babies.

A century before Jeremiah, Isaiah prophesied the destruction of Babylon by God.

"(Isa 13 KJV) The burden of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz did see...{6} Howl ye; for the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty... {11} And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible... {15} Every one that is found shall be thrust through; and every one that is joined unto them shall fall by the sword. {16} Their children also shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be spoiled, and their wives ravished. {17} Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, which shall not regard silver; and as for gold, they shall not delight in it. {18} Their bows also shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children. {19} And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah."

Please note that Isaiah's burden was not to spare the children, but that the whole nation be utterly destroyed for God had so willed.

What is God's purpose in His severe judgments? **"That men might know that I am the LORD (Ez 25:26)."**

Note from Sis. Cindy: A dear friend recently asked if we have someone to edit our newsletters. I explained that we do not always edit the e-journals closely. Bro. Jed spends many hours a week just recording the facts of what happened. It is an amazing feat that he has kept the journals for over two years now. My husband does reread the journal for errors a couple of times and I also proof it, but in the time crunch we both miss a lot. We simply do not have the time or skills to make sure everything is correct. But isn't this what email is all about?

Bro. Jed also includes teaching and inspiration in the journals. Many of you have told us how you read the journal each week and the positive effect that it has had in your lives. Our friend, who was not meaning to be critical, but helpful, said that he has started his own filing system with the journals. He cuts and pastes important comments or answers to questions and stores them to be referred to in the future. This helps keep his sword sharp.

Many of you are still receiving our snail mail letter. It is usually just a brief recap of the journals, but most of our supporters prefer it to the email. Sometimes they want to share it with friends and pastors or keep them as memories. If you prefer to stop receiving our US Postal letter just let us know. Please feel free to pass our journals and letters on to others.

New Web Site

We invite everyone to check out our new web site designed by home school graduate, Jason Wood.

What's New?

1. You can download our DVDs and Cds free
2. Slide Show and Pictures, Pictures, Pictures
3. Vintage Photos of Bro. Jed and Sis. Cindy preaching in the 70s.
4. Pictures and tributes to Holy Hubert and Bro. Max Lynch
5. More up-to-date schedule
6. Bro. Jed Journals posted weekly
7. The old Q&A, theology and newsletter sections are there with a new look and some additions.
8. Plus lots much more to come...including some kind of bulletin board and videos.

9. Pay Pal donations easier! (Remember CMUSA in your Christmas giving...all gifts are tax deductible.)

Take a look and send us your feedback. Also encourage your friends to check us out. Under Jason's training, Martha helped build the site and will do much of the webmaster work in the future.

Note: The site looks better in Mozilla Firefox than in Internet Explorer. Not everything is updated in Explorer yet. You can download Mozilla free and get a better look.