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"Blessed be the LORD God of Israel; For He hath visited and redeemed His people, And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; as he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began; That we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all that hate us; to perform the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant; The oath which he sware to our father Abraham, That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our lives." Luke 1:68-75; the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic-Germanic-Scandinavian people are ISRAEL!

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"AN EXAMINATION OF AMERICA'S TURNING POINT" Part 14

by Pastor Don Elmore

AMERICA'S BLOOD RIVER

Was America settled for religious reasons? Any American history book will quickly reveal that the answer to this question is YES and NO. Some of the original thirteen colonies were, but not all. The first colony was started in 1585 while the last was in 1733—a difference of 144 years! England, the Netherlands and Sweden were the three European nations that established the original thirteen colonies. Only six of the thirteen were founded because of religion (Plymouth and Massachusetts Bay merged into Massachusetts which also included what is now Maine):

Religious freedom for Pilgrims 1. Plymouth: Massachusetts Bay: Religious freedom for Puritans Religious freedom from Puritans 2. New hampshire: 3. Maryland: Religious freedom for R. Catholics 4. Connecticut: Religious separation from Puritans 5. Rhode Island: Religious separation from Puritans 6. Pennsylvania: Religious freedom for the Quakers

All of the other colonies (Virginia, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, North Carolina, South carolina) were started for the purpose of trade and profits, except for Georgia. Georgia, the last of the original thirteen colonies, was a refuge for debtors and a buffer between the Spanish colonies to its south.

With the exception of Maryland and Pennsylvania, the other colonies founded because of religious reasons were all located in the region of NEW ENGLAND. But since Pennsylvania was not founded until 1682 and since Maryland was slow growing (it only had 600 inhabitants by 1650), the center of Protestant Calvinistic Christian America in the 1600's was the region of NEW ENGLAND.

REFORMATION MOVEMENT

While the Lutherans (Martin Luther) and Presbyterians (John Calvin) were reformers from the Roman Catholic Church, the Pilgrims and Puritans were reformers from the Church of England. Fleeing persecution, they realized a unique situation in history in the wilderness of Amerthey were able to establish their own Christian soci-

They were church centered. The meetinghouse was built FIRST. The townspeople, by law, had to live within one-half mile of this ecclesiastical and civil assembly building. (is this where Town Halls with organs originated? CIM) The qualification to vote or hold a church or governmental office was restricted to white male church members. By law, the inhabitants had to go to church. Businesses had

to honor the Sabbath day and be closed. Both the local church and the colonial government enforced discipline and accountability of every member or citizen—as each of these institutions was divine and complemented each other.

Their goal was the advancement of the Christian faith. This was one of the greatest eras in Christian history—but it didn't last very long. Why?

FAILÚRE ŤO LEÁRN FROM HISTORY

The Puritans and Pilgrims believed that they were living parallel lives to the covenant people of the Old Testament. As God led the Hebrews from Egypt to the Promised Land, so God was leading them from Europe to the new Promised Land. They were the new covenant people of

And they made the same mistakes! The book of Judges could be used as the text-book of the seventeenth-century history of the Puritans and Pilgrims. And like Jeremiah of old, the preachers constantly proclaimed the same warnings that Jeremiah and the other prophets had given to their fore-

The Pilgrims and Puritans who came to New England were a generation of Christians who had experience great suffering for the cause of Christ. They had learned first hand what it was to be in desperate need. They knew what it meant to be persecuted for one's faith. They knew what it meant to be mocked, scorned or imprisoned merely because they loved God enough to put His will above their own. They knew what it meant to have no land or work or say in how they were governed.

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And they had been willing to endure many months of wet misery on the open seas to travel to this new land. They also endured living in tents, or aboard a ship or in caves till they could clear some land and build a house to live in. They endured seasons of cold and sickness that caused the death of many of their fellow family members and friends. They endured periods of a lack of food to the point of near starvation.

As a result of their steadfast faith in the covenant God of the Bible, the blessings of obedience rained down on the Church of England reformers. Fertile land, favorable climate and peace with the Indians produced great prosperity for these Christian settlers of New England. And they were very grateful to God for what He had done for them.

THE NEXT GENERATION

But the gratefulness and faithfulness of the founding generation of parents was not passed on to their children and it faded from their lives too! As the memory of the hard times eroded from their minds, the desire for larger and larger homesteads became the vision of many: more cattle and more land.

Independence and greed became the sin of destruction for the "city set on a hill." And the church and civil leaders could see what was happening and they warned their flocks and citizens. Sunday after Sunday the Puritan ministers warned their congregations from such passages as Deuteronomy 8:11-14; 17-19;

"Take heed lest you forget the LORD your God, by not keeping his commandments and his ordinances and his statutes.... Lest, when you have eaten and are full, and have built goodly houses and live in them, And when your herds and flocks multiply, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, Then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God....

"Beware lest you say in your heart, My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth. You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the power to get wealth; that he may confirm his covenant which he swore to your fathers, as at this day. And if you forget the LORD your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I solemnly warn you this day that you shall surely perish."

The land and cattle and the gold were multiplying and they were forgetting that it was their God who had given them the power to get this wealth—so it wouldn't be long till they were going to PERISH.

To get more land in order to have more cattle they had to migrate farther west. That in itself was not wrong, but it was the manner in which it was done:

Many of the Puritan migrates did not seek God's will and plan their lives. They just followed their own desires. They didn't seek the counsel of the elders of the church nor did they consult with the magistrates of their towns, they just left. They repeated the sin that occurred over and over in the time period of the book of Judges: They did "whatever was right in their own eyes." (something that is being repeated again, today! CIM)

They not only forsook their church and communities for their own greed, but they did not bother to gather a church first or at all. They built their homes first and the town second. Voting rights and qualifications for magistrates were no longer tied to church membership. <u>Many failed to assemble themselves together</u>—they were isolated and independent. (just like many today, CIM)

Instead of seeking the will of the church and God, they ignored God's plan of how to Christianize the frontier. By not migrating as several families under the authority of their church and community to plant a new church and a new town, they went out on their own—and, as God had warned, it would soon lead to their perishing.

Governor Bradford of Plymouth Plantation saw it coming and wrote these words just twelve years after the first Pilgrims arrived in America:

Governor Bradford: "No man now [1632] thought he could live, except he had cattle and a great deal of ground to keep them; all were striving to increase their stocks. By which means they were scattered all over the bay quickly and the town in which they lived compactly till now was left very thin and in a short time almost desolate. And if this had been all, it would have been less, though too much. But the church must also be divided, and those that had lived so long together in Christian comfort and fellowship must now part and suffer many divisions.... And this, I fear, will be

the ruin of New England, at least of the churches of God there, and will provoke the Lord's displeasure against them."

And twelve years later the Governor of Plymouth wrote....

Governor Bradford: [1644] "But such as were resolved upon removal... went on notwithstanding. neither could the rest hinder them.... And thus was this poor church left, like an ancient mother, grown old and forsaken of her children (though not in their affections), yet in regard of their bodily presence and personal helpfulness. Her ancient members being most of them worn away by death, and these of later time like children translated into other families, and she like a widow left only to trust in God. Thus she that hath made many rich became herself poor" (Of Plimouth Plantation, p.508,509).

Historic Video

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Later the famous Puritan preacher Cotton Mather echoed Bradford's description of those days by summing it up as:

Cotton Mather: "Religion begat prosperity, and the daughter devoured the mother."

And Puritan preacher John Danforth lamented:

John Danforth: "Better Israel be saved and prosperity lost, than that prosperity be saved and Israel lost."

And the famous Puritan preacher of that time gave this prophecy that went unheeded but nevertheless came true:

John Cotton's prophecy: "But when men thus depart, God usually followeth them with a bitter curse: either taking their lives away from them, or blasting them with poverty, or exposing them to scandal where they come, or in entertaining them with such restless agitations that they are driven to repent of their former rashness, and many times return to the church from which they had broken away."

Thus when the grandson of John Cotton wrote his introduction to his history of the Puritans in America he wrote about what it was like in 1670:

[1670] "Now one generation passeth away, and another cometh ... and these have had the managing of the public affairs for many years, but are apparently passing away, as their fathers before them. There is also a *third generation*, who are grown up and begin to stand think upon the stage of action ... Much more may we, the children of such fathers, lament our gradual degener-



acy from that life and power of such fathers that was in them, and the many provoking evils that are amongst us. (For these evils) have moved our God severely to witness against us, more than in our first times, by His lesser judgments going before, and His

greater judgments following after."

GREATER JUDGMENTS

There had been lesser judgments during these first fifty years of the Puritan colonies: small pox epidemics, droughts, and insect invasions. But by far the most dramatic was the plague of caterpillars that suddenly besieged the corn crop in 1646. Suddenly, there appeared millions of caterpillars that ate up the corn—tassels and all. But after a full day of humiliation kept by many churches in the affected area (in acknowledgment of their sinful neglect of the Sabbath day [Sunday]), the caterpillars vanished as quickly as they had appeared.

But many of the Puritan populace continued to violate their covenant relationship—i.e. heedless of the covenants they had sworn. And their children were not coming into the same saving relationship with Jesus Christ as they and their parents had known. This presented the church with a dilemma that was solved with a fatal solution: the children

who were not converted to Christ themselves were allowed to have their children baptized in the church, but they were not allowed to vote or take Holy Communion. Since they could not participate in only half of the two sacraments of the church, this extended "partial membership" was dubbed the "Half-Way Covenant."

presented Other problems themselves because of their calvinistic/Augustinian/Simon

Magus doctrine that every individual in the world had been chosen by God before the world was cre-

ated, either to salvation or to damnation. This presented the Puritans with the difficult situation of how could one determine if a person was saved. As a result, few men gave testimonies of their conversion—which left the church out of balance by a much larger feminine membership.

Their theological denial of the physical seed aspects of the Abrahamic covenant also caused difficulties. Their evangelization of non-Adamic Indians soon led to a great judgment. For as some of the Asiatic Indians were "converted," trouble began to brew between the medicine men priests of the Indian tribes and the English settlers.

And as the Puritans bought more and more land, the Indians saw their territory quickly shrinking. And as the Puritans bought more and more cattle, a rapid increase of conflicts arose when the settlers' cattle got loose and trampled down the corn growing in the Indians' gardens

THE GREATEST JUDGMENT AN INDIAN UPRISING

In 1657 Governor Bradford of Plymouth died. A few years later, Massasoit the chief of the Wampanoags died. It had been this chief who had "loaned" Squanto to the Pilgrims and helped and welcomed the white man as a friend. But as the Puritans and Pilgrims continued on their path of complacency, greed and self-love, the great fear of an Indian uprising began to be a real possibility after the death of these two leaders.

As God had promised in His covenant with His people, the providential grace of God had protected the settlers when they were obedient, many times without their even knowing it. Puritan Governor John Winthrop wrote about such an incident that occurred in 1639:

John Winthrop: [1639] "At Kennebeck, the Indians wanting food, and there being stores in the Plymouth trading house, they conspired to kill the English there for their provisions. And some Indians, coming into the house, Mr. Willet, the master of the house, was reading the Bible, his countenance more solemn than at other times, so as he did not look cheerfully upon them, as he was wont to do. Whereupon they went out and told their fellows that their purpose was discovered. They asked them, how could it be? The others told them, that they knew it by Mr. Willet's countenance, and that he had discovered it by a book he was reading. Whereupon they gave over their design."

But thirty-six years later, the Puritans and Pilgrims had backslid so far that the curses of disobedience were ripe. The son of chief Massasoit, Metacomet (known as King Philip by the settlers) became chief. King Philip was the opposite of his father: instead of being the best friend of the white man—he became their worst enemy. He declared the intention of his heart when he proclaimed clearly to the English settlers, saying: "I am determined not to live until I have no country."

Two incidents set off the eventual conflict:

First, was the murder of a "Christian Indian"-John Sassamon--who had warned Governor Winslow of Plymouth of King Philip's organizing of other tribes for armed

conflict. King Philip had him murdered by three of his men. After a trial in which the three murderers were hanged, Philip was enraged.

Second, was after several Wampanoag braves killed some English owned cattle that had trampled their corn. An English farmer retaliated by killing one of the Indians—and the war was on.

The Nipmuck Indians immediately joined forces with King Philip's Wampanoags. later the Pocumtucks, Squakheags, Norwottocks and other tribes also joined the Indian uprising. Using

what is now known as guerilla tactics, they presented a very formidable force. Town after town were totally burned to the ground with its men, women and children brutally murdered. For example, early in the war [June 1675] the town of Swansea was attacked. The Indians not only burned every building in the town, but also killed and beheaded every person who lived in the town. They then attached the severed heads of the former townspeople of Swansea to poles that were secured in holes in the ground that lined along the nearby river.

Besides Swansea, some of the other towns that were attacked were:

- 1. Dartmouth
- 2. Tauton
- 3. Middleborough
- 4. Sudbury -- [Interesting note: an old Indian chronicle revealed why the Indians attacked Sudbury and not the town of Concord:

"We no prosper if we burn Concord. The Great Spirit love that people. He tell us not to go there. They have a great man there (Pastor Edward Bulkely). He great pray."]

- 5. Deerfield
- 6. Brookfield
- 7. Lancaster
- 8. Groton
- 9. Marlborough

Closer and closer the victorious Indians were getting to their main targets of Plymouth and Boston. With the exception of Brookfield's miraculous preservation and Concord's divine protection, the Indians destroyed town after town in a determined path of total annihilation of the settlers. A fast day was declared in Massachusetts—but to no avail. God's



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wrath was not appeased. More and more towns and isolated farm houses were being burnt totally to the ground as its inhabitants were either murdered and disembodied, taken captive or fled, like refugees, to the eastern shore.

Increase Mather set the tone for other clergymen. He echoed the words preached by the prophet Jeremiah many centuries before in another time of impending doom—the attack of the mighty Babylonians. Verses like Jeremiah 5:15-17 and 6:23 became the basis of the most powerful sermons of their lives:

"Behold I am bringing upon you ... a nation whose language you do not know ... Their quiver is like an open tomb, they are all mighty men. They shall eat up your harvest and your food; they shall eat up your sons and your daughters ... they shall eat up your vines and your fig trees; your fortified cities in which you trust they shall destroy with the sword...

They lay hold on bow and spear, they are cruel and have no mercy, the sound of them is like the roaring sea ... they [are] set in array as a man for battle, against you, O

daughter of Zion.'

Terror filled the hearts of the English settlers of New England. But like in the days of Jeremiah, they too failed to heed the words delivered by God's spokesmen. But the war got steadily worse. Tales from the few survivors brought more fear to the towns that were soon in line to be attacked. many of the survivors were in hysterics, others dumbstruck by the atrocities that they had witnessed, which was far beyond what most human minds were able to assimilate.

Even the colonial militia witnessed horrific scenes of massacre and inhumane warfare. One of the worst was the battle of "Bloody Brook."

After the Indians had attacked the town of Deerfield, Captain Lothrop was ordered to march his soldiers back there to retrieve any remaining grain and bring it to the garrisons at Hadley, Northampton

The soldiers and farmers were able to load several wagons with grain and crops for the return trip

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but at the point where their path crossed a brook, large trees felled by the Indians blocked their way. As the English soldiers bunched together on the trail to remove the fallen trees, the Indians sprang their trap. Within minutes, seventy-one of the eighty soldiers were killed. The brook ran red with blood, earning it the name "Bloody Brook"—the saddest day that ever befell New England.

and hatfield. The trek to Deerfield went without incident.

CONTRAST AND COMPARISON WITH THE FUTURE BATTLE OF "BLOOD RIVER" THAT HAPPENED IN SOUTH AFRICA

In 1836, fellow Christian settlers in South Africa would face a similar situation. They too were about to be annihilated by savage forces. Outnumbered over 30 to 1 by Zulu warriors; they knew that without God's intervention their dream of a Christian South Africa was over. Therefore, they made a vow to their God that if He saw fit to deliver them that they would build a church and would remember the day of victory [December 16th] as a national Sabbath to all generations. He did, and they did.

The Afrikaners in South Africa had fled from the Cape from humanistic British rule. But the Puritans and Pilgrims

in America that had been the hardest hit in the early months of King Philip's war, had long before removed themselves far from their churches, both physically and spiritually. And Increase Mather was making it abundantly clear that their misfortune was no coincidence—John Cotton's prophecy [see page 2] was coming home to roost.

"It was manifestly clear to the Mathers [Increase and Cotton] that God was not going to be satisfied with superficial or temporary change. What He now demanded was what He had been calling for all along: **nothing less than a complete amendment of life**. This would necessitate a rooting out of sin and a dealing with it to a degree which had not been seen on the eastern coast of America for nearly fifty years" (*The Light and the Glory*, p.227, #710 @ \$23.20)

"For the battle was a spiritual one; there was no question about that, either, and even the most pragmatic among them was coming to accept that. God's patience with the colonists' hypocritical ways had come to an end. He was not about to relent and restore the saving grace, which had so long protected them and which they had taken for

granted, unless the whole fledgling nation had a change of heart" (*The Light and the Glory*, p.228)

It was New England's darkest hour. The settlers were BECOMING DESPERATE! The central part of Massachusetts was firmly in the hands of the Indians. And it was feared that the powerful Narragansett tribe was about to soon enter the war with King Philip's warriors. If that happened—all was lost. If it didn't happen--at the rate the war was going it wouldn't be long anyway till Christianity was driven completely out of New England. King Philip was not going to quit till every English settler was gone from this part of the country! He was determined to kill or capture every white man in New England.

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And the evangelized Indians?--neither side trusted them. Therefore many were transported by the colonists to a small island and interned for the duration of the War. The colonists had given that which was holy to the dogs and they were reaping the consequences.

After ten months of warfare, it became apparent that King Philip's Indians would decisively win the war. There was little the colonists could do to stop them. The descendants of the godliest Christian society in centuries faced total extinction in less than sixty years. Unlike the Afrikaners, their victory would not occur in one day.

THE WAY TO VICTORY

A great many farmers and backwoodsmen knew for the first time in their lives—fear. And they knew that they were going to perish. But for the first time in their lives they got down on their knees and prayed.

But not only the farmers and backwoodsmen; other children and grandchildren of the original Christian settlers began to heed their ministers. The Bay Colony's churches were filled to capacity. "By April of 1676, there was scarcely a man or woman in all of New England who was not diligently searching his or her own soul for unconfessed or unrepented sin. In fact, it became unpatriotic not to do so—as if one were not doing one's part for the war effort" (The Light and the Glory, p.231).

The people returned back to their God and the churches followed suit by renewing their covenants. They began to remember that it was their God that had given them the



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power to get wealth and that it had not been attained by the power and might of their own hands. And just in time. For after their repentance, God's wrath began to abate.

DIVINE INTERVENTION

An unusual witness to what happened later wrote about it. Her name was Mary Rowlandson, the wife of a Puritan minister. The dramatic story of this Christian woman, who was taken captive by the Indians in the siege at Lancaster, tells of a faithful instance of God's mercy in the form of Divine Providence. Being a prisoner for almost three months, she reveals what was taking place at the turning point of the war when she was with the enemy in their camps. She wrote:

Mary Rowlandson: "The strange providence of God in turning things about, when the Indians were at the highest and the English at the lowest. I was with the enemy eleven weeks and five days... They triumphed and rejoiced in their inhumane and many times devilish cruelty to the English. They would boast much of their victories, saying that in two hours' time they had destroyed such a captain and his company in such a place, and

would boast how many towns they had destroyed, and then scoff and say that they had done them a good turn to send them to heaven so soon....

Now the heathen begin to think all is their own, and the poor Christians' hopes begin to fail (as to the man), and now their eyes are more to God, and their hearts sigh heavenward. And they begin to say in earnest, 'Help, Lord, or we perish.' When the Lord had brought His people to this, that they saw no hope in anything but Himself, *then He takes the quarrel into His own hands*. And though the Indians had made a pit in their own imaginations, as deep as hell for the Christians that summer, yet the Lord hurled themselves into it."

By the summer of 1676, one full year after the war began, the tide turned in favour of the colonists. "So many people had sincerely and publicly repented of their sinful ways, so many lives were truly reformed, so many broken relationships were restored, and so many churches solemnly renewed their covenants, that God relented and poured out His mercy." (*The Light and the Glory*, p.233). Even the Indians sensed that something was different. God confused them and restored their old tribal rivalries. Soon the Indians began to give themselves up, first in small bands, and then in large numbers.

Finally, in the fall of 1676, an embittered Wampanoag deserter led the colonial militia to King Philip's camp that was near Mount Hope, on the peninsula of Bristol Neck, Rhode Island. At this battle, on August 26, King Philip was slain and for all intents and purposes, King Philip's War was over--the bloodiest war in American history, on a per capita basis.

THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE WAR

The Indian resistance was forever destroyed in New England. The large number of fatalities suffered by the Indians coupled with the many captives who were sold into slavery greatly diminished their numbers.

But it was costly for the victorious colonists too. They also had suffered many fatalities—and not just soldiers. Many women and children had died in the attacks on the farmhouses and towns. There were more casualties per capita in this war than any war in America's history. The war was also financially costly. A large debt was incurred that took many years to pay off. And it took over twenty years for the houses and towns to be rebuilt that had been

destroyed by King Philip and his Indian army. But the colonists did not totally perish.

God's Word was proved true again:

"Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse: a blessing if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day; and a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God." (Deut. 11:26-28a).

Fortunately, the colonists of New England obeyed just in time. Unfortunately, they did not obey for very long. By the 1700's the humanistic philosophies emerging from Europe had almost completely snuffed out the light that had shone so brightly just a few decades earlier. And New England, once the center of America's Christian heritage, became the center of Unitarian, Quaker, Transcendental, and Masonic influence and evil. And it has continued so even unto today.

SUMMARY

History repeats. From the impending doom of the Egyptians, the Assyrians, the Babylonians, the Sanhedrin,

the Holy Roman Catholic Empire, King Philip and the Zulus, etc., the covenant people of God have faced times of possible annihilation. And it is true once again in our lifetime (many even willingly helping in this annihilation through racial intermarriage! CIM).

But unlike the Puritan preachers during King Philip's War, modern preaching has silenced the voice of the prophets. "As a result, the church-goer of this present-time has not got a clue of what is written in the prophets.

The main reason for that is because the true meaning of the

everlasting, unconditional, irrevocable and immutable Covenant which Almighty God had made with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and their seed (literal) has been completely twisted and given to the Jew and the universal Church.

Jesus reproached His disciples by saying to them: "O fools, and slow of heart to believe ALL that the PROPH-ETS have spoken!" (Luke 24:25). How can our people understand the times in which we live if they do not even understand what the Prophets have to say about it? It is said that knowledge is power. Now the enemy has seen to it that the most important knowledge we ought to have, and that is the knowledge of God's Word, is being withheld from us through false preaching. In this crisis hour of our very survival where we should be ready and prepared, we stand disarmed, and ask as it were with our hand in our bosom, 'What is going on?' (World Affairs, no 1, 2005, Pastor F.W.C. Neser, Sth Africa).

A quick look at a few of the spoken words of the prophets:

1. Hosea: "My people (Saxon-Israel) are destroyed for a lack of knowledge" (4:6)

2. Jeremiah: "And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground" (25:33).

3. Jeremiah: "If those ordinances [of the sun, moon and stars] depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me forever" (31:36).

4. Ezekiel: "And the nations shall know that I, the LORD, do sanctify Israel when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore" (37:28).



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- 6. Habakkuk: "For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea" (2:14).
- 7. Obadiah: "And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau (listen to *The Marks of Esau*, and *The Marks of Esau Compared* to the Jews, #A-8119 & A-8120, \$10 the two from CIM) for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be any remaining of the house of Esau; for the LORD hath spoken it" (v 18).
- 8. Micah: "Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, and the mercy to Abraham, which thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old" (7:20). to be continued...

The most Famous Puritan Preacher family The Family Tree of the Mathers

John Cotton [1584-1652] **Richard Mather** [1596-1669] Grandf'thr of Cotton Mather Grandf'thr of Cotton Mather

Two of the strongest ministers in early New England John Cotton believed in the closeness of Church and State against Democracy

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Cotton Mather [1663-1728]

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EXCERPT OF A LETTER WRITTEN BY A MODERN DAY AFRIKANER

"Greetings from South Africa, in the precious Name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus the Christ...

I think I told you in my previous letter that I am also one of them [a Afrikaner]. We are a small minority, fighting for our survival, just like our Ancestors at Blood River. The battle now is just much more subtle. They are attempting to drive us off our farms by murdering and intimidating our farmers, but keeping the prices of our products down and by discriminating labour laws. They create unemployment by reserving employment (affirmative action) and contracts for blacks only. By enforcing mixed schools and then demanding that the medium should be English (not Afrikaans). And so I could continue.

Our Churches reject the Truth of God's everlasting Covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and their seed. So we need another miracle like Blood River. I believe that our Heavenly Father will keep His promise and come to our aid at the right time Yours in His Kingdom Service,

A Pastor from South Africa. Courtesy The New Covenant Messenger, PO Box 321, Union KY 41091

THE PURITAN FAMILY

some thoughts on How the Puritans Lost their Children by Rev. Brian Abshire

Perhaps the high point of the Christian family in America was the Puritan commonwealth in New England from 1630-1700. The family was central to Puritan theology and practice. Repeatedly in sermons, and personal letters, the Puritans state that their primary motivation in settling the new world was to provide a future for their children. Preachers loved familial imagery in their sermons. Their political philosophy began with building strong families first, and then went on to church and state.

But within one generation, for all their love and attention to the family, the Puritan experiment failed. By 1662, the Half-Way covenant was a tacit admission that they were losing their own children. Covenant theology taught that church members claimed the promises of the covenant on behalf of their children through baptism. But the adult children of the first generation could not meet the high standards set for church membership. Now they had children of their own who were not eligible for baptism. Were they now separated from the blessings of the covenant? The Half Way covenant allowed baptism to this this generation despite the fact that the second generation was spiritually deficient. (history repeats, again!) It was a theological compromise that demonstrated a real loss of Puritan vigor. By the latter decades of the 17th century, "Jeremiads" rung from pulpits across New England warning that unless the children embraced the fervor of their grandparents, disaster would strike. By the 18th century, despite revivals and revivalism, the Puritan Congregational churches apostatized into Deism and Unitarianism. The Half Way covenant had not been enough, the Puritans had lost their children and with them, their culture!

What went wrong? Why did the Puritans, with so many advantages, fail in this most fundamental task? They left Old England to build their 'city on a hill' to be a light to the world. Yet within two generations, the light was dimmed

and the savor lost. There are potent lessons to be learned from the Puritans. They did so many things right; yet ultimately failed. It is possible that pessimillennialism began with the apostasy of Puritan families. Since the family is the beginning of Christian Reconstruction, then we must understand what went wrong with them, so that we can learn from their mistakes.

What They Did Right

Without a doubt, the Christian family in New England in the 17th century stands far above the dysfunctional, fractured, atomistic family of today. Even their failures look pretty good compared to the average Christian family today.

One of the distinctive marks of the Puritan family was a commitment to daily family worship.

Fathers were required to lead their families in the knowledge and discipline of the Lord. The churches preached it, the Magistrates enforced it, and the fathers did it. Puritan fathers began and ended each day with singing of Psalms (see *Christian Identity Psalter*, #708 @ \$20.90), reading of Scripture and prayer. As a result, from an early age, children imbibed a Christian worldview. Even though this dedication did not result in the numbers of conversion experiences necessary for church membership, entire gen-

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erations of New Englanders were deeply influenced by Scripture.

The Puritan commitment to family extended to finding good matches for their children. Such marriages were with the children's consent, and often at their behest. Romance was not unknown, but was not the final arbiter of a suitable life mate. Religion was the preeminent consideration when choosing a spouse for their children, with finances coming a close second. Only then was a child asked, "Could you love this person?" Puritan parents made provision for both body and soul for their children. It seems that only occasionally did a child turn down a parent's choice. In the Puritan family, love was expected to come after marriage, not before. As a result, Puritan families were extremely strong. Life decisions were not based on hormones and children were not expected to make the most important decision of their lives at a time when they were least equipped to do so. Furthermore, children were then protected from themselves. While sexual sins did occur, they were at least uncommon (until the advent of revivalism where birth records show an interesting tendency for newly wed couples to produce children after 6 months of marriage).

A child's future vocation was similarly decided. The concept of "calling" was crucial to a Puritan life. While

used primarily in the sense of salvation, it was also true that the Puritans believed no man could expect God's blessing in life unless he understood the calling God had given him for his vocation. Usually, the oldest son was expected to follow the father's calling. If the father had been a faithful steward, most of his sons could expect to receive a portion of his land or business. However, very large families, and the growing mercantile class, meant that some sons might have to find a calling other than with their fathers. Apprenticeships were common. At fourteen, a boy might be apprenticed to a craftsman or merchant to learn his calling from the ground up. This normally took seven years of hard labour to master the necessary skills, with the

apprentice living in the master's home. Parents looked for good opportunities for their children, knowing that once the decision was made, it was very unlikely to change. For the more affluent, college was an option. Hence again, major life decisions were not left to random chance or the ever changing whims of a teenager. Parents worked hard to help their children develop the skills necessary to fulfill their calling.

While the child's wishes were taken into consideration, ultimately, the parents made the final decision. Who would know better a child's strengths, weaknesses, gifts etc. than his parents? Thus, Puritan children were not only loved and well disciplined, but productive from a very young age. They were able to exercise dominion through their calling. Indolence, rebelliousness and teenage angst were not a common problem in New England.

The Puritans took their responsibility to the family seriously. Family was important, not just for social reasons, but for business dealings as well. Their commitment extended beyond their own immediate children to include relatives of every degree. Relatives were given preferred prices and subsidized business, just because they were family. The Puritans had a complex series of relationships with cousins, aunts, uncles, etc. Marriage broadened their relationships, with in-laws considered as important as blood relations.

Thus the extended family was well set up to meet both social and economic needs. The Puritans believed that "As long as the family was well ordered, as long as men respected the logic of relationships, corruption would be restrained within bounds and society would be established.

With all these things working for the family, what happened? They had strong churches, strong families, they controlled the economic and social institutions and they were in charge of the political order. The Puritan influence was so powerful, it continues to affect American values to this day. But even so, within three generations, the Puritan experiment gave way to an increasing tergiversation (changing loyalties). Americans have taken the fruit of Puritan families, while rejecting the root. And now, two centuries later, the fruit is withered and rotten. What went wrong?

Why the Puritans Did Wrong

The Puritans, as godly as they were, fell short of the Biblical ideal in several ways. All of us are in some measure, victims of our culture. Cultural values have an enormous impact on our ability to interpret the world around us (there are no brute facts, only interpreted ones). And the presuppositions we carry will have an effect on how we understand and apply Biblical principles. Criticism of the

Puritans needs to be gracious, they got so much right, that those of us blessed with hindsight should not be self-righteous in noting what they

population. Within just a few years, massive immigration swamped the community of the elect. While the Puritans blazed the trail, many, many other Englishmen soon came after; Englishmen who did not necessarily share the Puritan's same degree of

did wrong. However, though we are victims of our own cultural blinders, we might be able to see some things they missed. And it is in what they missed, that may provide a glimpse for understanding the failure of the Puritan commonwealth. First, one needs to remember that committed Puritans did not make up the entire New England

theological and experiential conviction. Sermons during the period repeatedly warned good Puritans of the dangers of allowing their children to associate with the ever-larger numbers of immigrants who did not share their religious resolve (this is a problem today as well!). Though the Puritans had very strict laws to regulate behaviour, nothing could change the hearts of the recalcitrant immigrants. As New England became settled and more civilized, the flow of non-Puritan Englishmen increased (though falling off after the English civil war gave the Puritans control over old England). No matter how many children the Puritans had, they could not compete with shiploads of new settlers, who did not share their ways (although they were still kin. Nowadays, most immigration is of people who are NOT

Secondly, without being denominationally biased, congregational church government and practice undoubtedly contributed to the loss of Puritan dominance. The autonomy of local churches allowed increasingly deviant pastors to enter Puritan pulpits (Harvard and Yale were specifically started to stem the tide of apostate ministers from England. The only hedge against apostasy was the knowledge and spiritual fervor of the local church. With no higher court of appeals than the local church, there was no mechanism in place to deal with heresy. Furthermore, if a church itself

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became unreasonably dissatisfied with their pastor, there was no way to appeal their arbitrary decision to dismiss him. This transferred power from the elders, to the congregation as a whole. For example, Jonathan Edwards is a hero today to many Reformed pastors, teachers and educated laymen. Yet he was driven out of his church because he

challenged the prejudices of his congregation.

A third problem has nothing to do with congregationalism per se but does concern covenant theology. The Puritans had such a high view of the family, and of the covenant promises given to their children, that they focused their evangelistic efforts primarily on Christians and their children. Though church attendance was mandatory, church membership was restricted to an elite, to those who could "prove" they had had a conversion experience. Therefore, the "best" prospects for conversion were their own children. Hence, there was a real tendency to focus on reproving, exhorting and admonishing their children, to the exclusion of the greater masses of "unconverted." Thus, evangelism centered on the family, rather than on the community. And, as a result, they literally allowed the community to "go to hell" while they

The emphasis on the conversion experience required such high standards, that undoubtedly, a great number of regenerate children (and non-church members) were denied church membership and the sacraments thus weakening their faith. Later on, both groups were admitted to the sacraments, to prepare them

preached to their kids.

for conversion, hence undercutting Puritan theology. Edwards lost his church when he opposed this practice.

The confusion here had significant results. Conscientious members of the community, who doubted they had experienced what their parents, teachers and pastors repeatedly told them was essential for salvation, never grew in their own faith. Furthermore, the misuse of the doctrines of grace may have inadvertently undermined Puritan culture. If a man was not among the elect, and had no reasonable hope of ever being so, then it becomes epistemologically self-consistent for him to spend his time and energy of the matters of this life, rather than the life to come. Puritan culture did inhibit overt sin and restrained the worst aspects of man's rebellion to God in the social realm, but also began a subtle secularization of culture. Since 90% of the community were not church members, religion per force became less and less significant. Increasingly, men found the meaning and purpose in their physical estate. When the requirements for church membership finally loosened up in the 19th century, it coincided with revivalism and theological

Finally, the Puritans loved their children so much, that they were often afraid that they would spoil them. A very common practice was to place children at the age of fourteen with friends and neighbours. One primary reason was that boys needed to learn a skilled trade and it was customary for an apprentice to live in the craftsman's home, while learning his craft. However, even when this was not necessary for business reasons, the Puritans often had their teenage children raised by others. The reason seems to have been the fear that their own filial affection would cause them to indulge their teenagers, rather than to discipline them appropriately. There are many heart-breaking letters recording the cries of distraught teenagers as they were given over to friends to rear.

Though their motivations were sincere, this cultural aberration undermined the family during the most important time of a child's development. There were obviously some benefits; teenagers are notorious for rebelling against their parents as they seek to establish their own identities. Separating them from their parents and entrusting them to godly homes would teach young people good manners, social skills, etc., without the dangers associated with rebelling against their own parents (or of the parents being indulgent towards their children). Teenagers are also notorious for getting along better with other adults than with their own family.

However, benefits aside, the custom was a product of the English middle class, not of Biblical principles. As long as New England consisted of small communities with families well known to each other, little damage was done. But separating children during their young adult years cut the emotional and psychological ties that bound them to their families. As the colonies spread out, children moved further and further away from home. Thus without realizing it, the Puritan's custom, intended to benefit their children, actually contributed to the fragmentation that is now characteristic of American families.

> This analysis is necessarily incomplete and simplistic, but it they had. If their colonies had not been swamped by immigrants who did not share their

convictions, if their churches had a more realistic concept of church membership, if they had not separated their own children at the time they most needed the love and discipline of their parents, New England might well have

own failure to motivate us to find the answers. We have lost much, but we also learned much. May God grant us wisdom, grace and mercy as we reconstruct our families.**

It seems to me, that if being swamped by immigrants who do not share convictions was a problem then, living in amongst a vast community of people who do not share our convictions is equally a problem, today. That is why people need to form communities where they can interact with and have church fellowship with people who share their convictions - even if they have certain disagreements. The next generation will be totally absorbed into a pagan multiracial, multi-cultural society to be totally lost spiritually, unless the parents act now and combine with others into fellowship communities, and keep their children separated from the community at large, at least until they need to start working. CIM PO Box 279, Colbert WA 99005 USA

does allow a better understanding of how the Puritans lost their culture. Good people, with sincere motives, can fail, when they fail to apply Biblical principles consistently. The Puritans did the best they could with what

accomplished it's founder's vision. However, we have their mistakes to learn from, and our

From Pastor Dave Barley's Desk comes:

COFFEE CONFESSION

I have been a regular coffee drinker for most of my life, and I am seriously trying to break myself of this bad habit. Last January (2005), after many months of feeling terrible, I finally got a check up and it was discovered that I had type 2 diabetes. I was a little shocked by this information, because I had thought that my diet was fairly good. Since discovering my diabetes, I have been mostly of the sugar, and my diet has radically changed. Slowly, I started to feel better; however, I was still having some physical problems and numerous sharp pains. Although I had cleaned up most of my bad eating habits, and had lost many pounds of unhealthy fat around my waist, I was still trying to compen-



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"About half the people in the United States drink two to three cups (of coffee) a day. That means over two hundred billion doses of the drug caffeine are consumed every year. Most people would not think of their morning cup of coffee or afternoon tea as a drug, yet caffeine is addictive, causing withdrawal symptoms when discontinued and inducing both psychological and physical dependence.

It certainly sounds like a drug. Caffeine is a stimulant of the central nervous system, similar to cocaine, and has been linked to a host of maladies, including increased heart rate, change in blood vessel diameter, irregular coronary circulation, increased blood pressure, birth defects, diabetes, kidney failure, gastric ulcers, cancer of the pancreas, ringing in the ears, trembling muscles, restlessness, disturbed sleep, and gastro-intestinal irritation. It also upsets the blood sugar level, as it forces the pancreas to secrete insulin

You may ask if decaffeinated coffee or tea is better. Let me address that with this question: Would you rather fracture your arm or your leg? The decaffeinating process usually requires a highly caustic chemical solvent that permeates the bean, which you ingest. It takes one cup of coffee or tea twentyfour hours to pass through the kidneys and urinary tract. More than one cup in a twentyfour-hour period places an extremely heavy bur-

den on these organs. If you are of those who drink seven or eight cups of coffee or tea a day, give serious consideration to owning your own dialysis machine. Most certainly coffee decaffeinated with water or non-chemical methods is better than the chemically decaffeinated, but that should not give license to drinking it. It is still acid-forming that's the problem."

Listen friends, I am not sharing this information with you to condemn anyone, nor do I believe that we should be critical of those who drink coffee, or are hooked to their daily doses of coffee. In fact, I'm not going to say that I will never have another cup of coffee, but one thing is for sure, a regular coffee habit will destroy your health. I'm just sharing truth with you, and as always, we should let the Spirit of Truth lead us. Concerning my diabetes problem, my blood sugar numbers are much lower, as long as I eat properly, and stay off coffee. let's face it friends, we all need to do more to stay healthy. As Christians we should continually encourage each other to properly take care of our bodies and "SEEK THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS."

Oh, one other thing before I move on to another subject, I have been faithfully taking glyconutritionals, but I found out that the coffee I was drinking was destroying most of the nutritional benefits of the glyconutritionals. So, if you're supplementing your nutrition with coffee, you're probably neutralizing most of the health benefits.**

ROCKEFELLER MEDICAL FRAUD

by Pastor Dave Barley

Some of you may not be aware of the fact that great, great granddaddy Rockefeller, Senior's pappy, "Old Bill," travelled throughout America's countryside selling snake oil and bottled petroleum to the unsuspecting public as a cure for cancer and all other ills. The Rockefellers are into oil in more ways than one. Rooted in the chemical industry, many medicines and cosmetics contain petro- and agrichemicals. For example, Comtrex, a trademark of Bristol-Meyers is one of Rockefeller's drug firms. Their foundations have grown so numerous that a precise count of them is no simple task. The truth of the matter is, that the oil business as well as the drug/chemical industry, has been very profitable for the Rockefellers. I am convinced that chemicals, drugs, and their toxic by-products are the main cause of cancer and disease. Most of our food and water is saturated with chemical additives. The late Dr. Mendelsohn who warned against the dangers of vaccinations, also stated: "I no longer believe in modern medicine ... don't trust your doctor. Assume that if he prescribed a drug, it's dangerous. There is no safe drug.

> On April 10, 1938, Albert Einstein wrote

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being given to one of their foundations over which they maintain control. They even invest this "charitable donation" money in stocks of their own company which produces even larger profits.

In 1901, Rockefeller founded the Rockefeller Institute of Medical Research in New York. This institute was equipped with special and broad privileges to carry out "educational" work in keeping with its corporate purposes. Shortly after this, he founded the University of Chicago to the tune of \$35,000,000, and the General Education Board. The course of this well funded plan was to produce a controlled education system for young impressionable minds, while also being a launching pad through which they would legitimize their products and convince the American people through medical advertisements and text books that drugs are beneficial for them. It is no wonder that both legal and illegal drug use have increased dramatically to the point that it is a multi-billion dollar industry. TV commercials are constantly advertising new drugs for all kinds of ailments, and none of them cure anything. They simply suppress symptoms which in turn cause new maladies (which then require more different drugs!).

There is a powerful politically entrenched chemical and medical syndicate. They monopolize all products and services of the chemical, medical, drug industry. And, this syndicate has its own laws and is very resourceful in prosecuting anyone who dares compete with them outside of their control. Even the American Cancer Society (ACS)



which was started in 1913 as an emergency temporary organization has been institutionalized by Madison Avenue advertising community into a mega-money producer working in collusion with Che-Me-ViKombinat and international banking interests. In fact, some years ago when investigated, the ACS had on its board of directors eighteen people who are affiliated with banks, and over 42 percent of its assets were invested directly into those banks. No surprise that the House of Rockefeller is associated with this venture. They are also highly involved with the British counterpart of the ACS, the Imperial Cancer research Fund or ICRF.

The vaccination fraud is also a very profitable industry. Most vaccines are prepared from animal tissues and they can be a very carcinogenic (cancer-causing) agent. Even vaccines prepared from human diploid cell strains retain many dangerous disease producing abnormalities within our cellular level. Remember the swine flu fraud? Thousands of people became ill because of this vaccine and sued the federal government for millions of dollars, the medical powers have even admitted that anti-flu vaccines can not safeguard anyone from the flu. Yet, they keep promoting the idea that vaccines are the cure for disease and sickness.

In 1981, Professor Mercie, former director of the Pasteur Institute, was asked why the Institute kept producing and marketing anti-flu vaccines, despite the fact that they were worthless. The professor replied: "Because it helps financing the Institute's research."

It's all connected, for instance, all officials for the FDA have to be accepted by the Rockefeller Center before they are appointed, and researcher Morris Bealle has

exposed the American Medical Association (AMA) as being a front for the Drug Trust. Some of you may remember that it was the AMA who produced ten medical "experts" to testify that "vitamins are not necessary to the human body."

The medical-drug cartel was summed up by J.W. Hodge, MD of Niagara Falls, NY with these sobering

"The medical monopoly or medical trust, euphemistically called the American Medical Association, is not merely the meanest monopoly ever organised, but the most arrogant, dangerous and despotic organization which ever managed a free people in this or any age. Ant and all methods of healing the sick by means of safe, simple and natural remedies are sure to be assailed and denounced by the arrogant leaders of the AMA doctors' trust as "fakes, frauds and humbugs." Every practitioner of the healing art who does not ally himself with the medical trust is denounced as a 'dangerous quack' and imposter; and promoting to a state of health by natural means without resort to the knife or poisonous drugs, disease imparting serums, deadly toxins or vaccines, is at once pounced upon by these tyrants and fanatics, bitterly denounced, vilified and persecuted to the fullest extent."

The Rockefeller colonization efforts are now international. In the Orient, Standard Oil is almost the sole supplier of oil and gas, especially kerosene. But the drug market has always been close to the heart of Rockefeller, so he established the China Medical Board and built the Peking Union Medical College and began to rapidly "westernize" oriental populace into accepting drugs and medical "cures." The Morgan/Rothschild banking interests go hand in hand with Rockefeller capitalist interests, in fact, they

jointly supported the Communist takeover of China. They did this while at the same time their close associates in the CFR (Acheson and Dulles) were stirring up this nation against the Communist threat. It is a chess game for global control over the oil and medical/drug prescription field. Such control comes with great political power and media

The Chase national bank is not the keystone of the Rockefeller empire. With over 50 branches throughout the world, and well over 200 branches in the United States, its major holdings are in the drug business. The Rockefeller empire knows how to use its vast resources for political purposes in a time of crisis and how to position itself to exploit public created panic demands.

Wars, disease, stocks, and so forth, are often opportunistic power plays by international merchants.

You have all heard of the Bilderbergers and the Trilateralists (if you haven't, get a copy of WHAT IS THE CFR AND TRILATERAL COMMISSION, #196 @ \$1.05). These are elitist groups and individuals, who for the most part shun publicity because they do not want the public to be fully aware of the reality and life-style of the world they live in. They have no allegiance to America or what would

benefit the American people. Their interests are in controlling the world and bringing this world under the control of their global economy. They are all political men of great financial wealth placed in positions to carry out their plans to implement a one-world-government under the control of an "IMAGE." Yes, an image. A vain image, or that which comes from the vain imagination of the mind. It should come as no surprise that there are those (I will call

them image creators) who want people to worship (pay homage to) whatever "image" they create for the public. A people under the control of the "image" are led to worship the image which appeals to their beast nature.

The image we are warned about in the Scriptures is an idol, or a form of idolatry. Revelation 16:1-2 states: "And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth. And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the beast, and upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image."

The first vial poured out produced a painful and grievous sore. Those who worshipped the beast, or had the mark of the beast upon them would experience "DIS-EASE." Despite all the medical research, medications and drugs, it is plain to see that cancer, heart disease, infections, and so forth are in the increase, not decrease. Why? Because the majority of the people worship the humanistic IMAGE of man's solutions over and above the Word of God. When Christian people do not seek for truth from the Word of God and apply the Biblical principles of that truth to their life and society at large, disaster occurs. Please understand I AM NOT SAYING THAT ALL MEDICATIONS AND DRUGS ARE BAD AND OF NO USE. What I am saying is that when greed and the quest for power, or unscriptural motivations are behind these things, then they become a curse rather than a blessing.

When man's motivation is based upon the Word of God and in pursuit of SEEKING THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, blessing will flow. [for more information, consult these books: Naked Empress, or the Great Medical Fraud by Han Ruesch, The Rockefellers by Collier & Horowitz, The Warmongers, nu Katz].**

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Answer to "Can we eat kidneys and liver of clean animals?

Previously, I (Dave Barley) asked the question about kidneys and liver from Leviticus 7:1-6. Many answers were provided with some interesting points of view. But before we move ahead with the issue, let is first understand that this is not a Salvation issue. The food laws are there for our health, not for us to divide and attack each other over. That being said, most of those who responded believed that it was not Biblically lawful for us to eat kidneys and the caul of the liver, but were perplexed by these verses. One woman had a different take, her response was:

Dear Pastor Barley,

In regard to the question "Can we eat kidney and liver of clean animals?" After reading only your Scripture in Leviticus 7:1-6. I would say YES.

Why? Because basically in the Old Testament, when an offering of flesh is made in modern language the equivalent would be a grilling. The burnt offering is grilled until it is ashes and is inedible. Other flesh or meat offerings are grilled until edible. Fat possibly melts off to oil the flames and coals. In this verse the priest grills the rump and two kidneys along with the fat or oil and the

caul (possibly stomach wall) and after "offering" (the animals sacrificed life) to the Lord then he and the other priests eat it. It is said to be most holy because it is a very healthy part of the animal to eat for good health.

Today, Christians are priests and kings to be and thus can eat the kidneys. 1 Peter 2:5-10 in part refers to us as a "royal priesthood." The reason possibly it is called a sacrifice when an animal is killed, grilled, and eaten is because the life of that animal is sacrificed so as that people might eat it for sustenance and clothes.

All over the Middle East and Greece and even the United States, outdoor grills are still very popular ... it's called Bar-B-Que. (LLB)

Well, that's certainly a different perspective. Personally, I believe that it is Biblically wrong and unhealthy for us to eat the caul of the liver and kidneys of animals. Remember, according to these verses, the fat, the caul that is above the liver, and kidneys were to be burned. Are we to assume that the priests burnt the fat, the caul of the liver, and kidneys and then ate them? This simply does not add up, especially when the Bible clearly forbids man to eat "the fat" except when the fat is mingled with the flesh or muscle. All meat has some fat in it, including the choicest of steaks. The priest was to detach all the separable portions of the fat such as the flare and that in which the intestines, kidney, and liver are embedded. These portions were then burnt with the daily offering, the fat was chiefly found in a detached state, sometimes referred to as the omentum,

The breast meat was afterwards waved and given to the Aaronites, and the right leg (Lev. 7:31-36 & Num. 18:18) was given as a heave offering to the officiating priest. The rest of the carcass was then carried off by the offerer and a meal made of it. Leviticus chapter 7 is speaking of the trespass offering which was in the form of a ram.

Also, in Leviticus where it speaks of a "meat offering," (see Lev. 2:1 & 7:9) it should more properly be "meal offerings." They were vegetable food consisting of fine grain or wheat flour cooked or baked in a skillet with "oil and salt." It could also include ears of corn.

Concerning the animal sacrifice, the International Standard Bible Encyclopedia explains: "It refers to the flesh eaten by the worshippers after the <u>fat parts</u> had been burned on the altar and the priest had received his portion." This is correct. The caul of the liver is a fat covering for the liver, or a fatty lobe attached to the liver and so is to be discarded or burned. Fat stores toxins and impurities. This includes the "rump" (Lev. 7:3) meaning the "fat of a rams tail" (Strong's #451), usually that of sheep. Clearly the "rump" in this verse is not "rump roast." The kidney and liver also fall within this category because they store impurities and are part of the internal organs, or entrails which are removed and burned as the fat, because they too are a form of fat/impurity.

Tapeworms can sometimes be found in fatty tissues, and diets high in saturated fats will often lead to colon cancer as well as other health problems. There is a strict ban on eating the fat of beasts offered for sacrifice, taken from Leviticus 7:23-25.

Martin Luther King Jr.:

HIS DREAM - OUR NIGHTMARE!

by Peter J. Peters

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for this "reverend," something not even

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"Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, Ye shall eat no manner of fat, of ox, or of sheep, or of goat. And the fat of the beast that dieth of itself, and the fat of that which is torn with beasts, may be used in any other use: but ye shall in no wise eat of it. For whosoever eateth the fat of the beast, of which men offer an offering made by fire into the

LORD, even the soul that eateth it shall be cut off from his people.'

R.K. Harrison, in his commentary states: "By restricting the intake of potentially damaging fats, the circulatory system would be enabled to maintain a reasonable blood-cholesterol level, and allow the factor known as high-density lipoprotein to protect the arteries and the heart against disease ... Also removed for burning was the appendage of the liver (AV, RV, 'caul, above (upon) the liver;' NEB 'long lobe of the liver') the reference being to the sheet of fatty tissue in the animals front quarters. The term

'caul' is now of infrequent use, but in medicine it is still employed occasionally to describe the great omentum and certain other structures.

So, what were the priests in verse 6 permitted to eat? Well, as stated earlier, they ate the breast and right leg portion of the meat, or "flesh of the sacrifice." (Lev. 7:15). This meat portion is also referred to as "the remainder," the flesh left after the impurities/fat have been burned (Lev. 6:16). Please note that the sin offering is the same as the trespass offering (Lev. 7:7).

I found no second witness to Leviticus 7:2-6 supporting any such notion that the priest could eat "fat, rump (fat tail), kidneys, or liver."

Therefore, I cannot conclude that it is right for us to eat kidneys or liver, and after all, that is the real question on people's mind, isn't it? Of course some people may disagree with me on this issue. Therefore, let is all pray for holy spirit to guide us into truth concerning this matter.

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MAKING TOUGH CHANGES

by Jonathan Lindvall

One of the most difficult things about parenthood, and especially fatherhood, is the responsibility for making tough decisions and enforcing them in our families. The LORD calls us to avoid provoking our children "lest they become discouraged" (Col 3:21). But He also requires that we "bring them up in the training and admonition of the LORD" (Eph 6:4). This requires a willingness to lead, even when our leadership is unpopular. I received a letter from a desperately discouraged father that illustrates this dilemma. Here is his note, and my response:

"Dear Jonathan, I am 53, and father of a large family. I came



from a rough background and was saved at age 29. We have homeschooled for 18 years. Over the years I have become more conservative, though I see the homeschool movement going the other way. Several years ago I started reading the teachings of Since then, while trying to implement the things I have learned, chaos has set in. I feel I have failed. No doubt I have. My 25-year-old girl "goes to church." My 19-year-old son sounds like a preacher one day and the next is in a drunken fist fight. My 16year-old girl is "in love" and constantly threatens to go to court and get "emancipated" to get away from her 'maniac family.' We go to a large church with a modern rock-and-roll type youth group. My other kids fight constantly. I admit I have failed. I have no excuse. I am on the edge now. Leaving home, breakdown , something. All is against me now. I have messed up so bad I see no hope for change. I know the verses, they just don't seem to work now. I wish there could be peace. I used to preach, that is gone now too. Would you please pray for me and my family?

Dear brother, since first receiving this note I have been praying for you. You are right to ask for prayer. Ultimately your answer is in turning to Jesus. I believe there are some things He would have you do in this situation, but your reliance must not be on those things. We are to walk in God's ways (principles), but our hope is only in the Lord, rather

than in our obedience. I'm encouraged to hear that you have been influenced by the teachings of the brother you mentioned. But he and I and any other godly teacher would tell you your trust must be in God's grace rather than in following even the best Biblical instruction.

Obviously running from the problem, as your flesh is tempted to do, will not help anyone. Even for you it would only provide momentary distraction rather than true relief. And it would certainly not solve anything for your wife and children, but only make everything worse for everyone. Worst, it would

bring shame on the name of the Lord, giving His enemies an occasion to blaspheme.

One of the traps the church of Laodicea (Rev. 3:14-20) fell into was refusing to be extreme. They certainly didn't want to be cold, but neither could they risk being hot. They wanted to be "balanced" (lukewarm), so there were any number of compromises where they failed to fully do what they knew God wanted them to do. They obeyed partially, but not completely. Likely there was pressure from others that made it difficult for these Christians to take bold, decisive steps of obedience.

In your case, it appears your own children are a source of pressure, drawing you to compromise. Perhaps others outside your family also add to this pressure, advising you not to be too extreme. You didn't mention the role of your wife. She may be dragging her feet also (or she may be deeply grieved at the compromises she sees, and the evident confused fruit).

One time a precious brother I've known for years, and whose large family is actually relatively exemplary, noted that although he had appreciated my seemingly radical teaching, agreeing with the Biblical basis, he had only partially implemented what he knew, due to pressure to compromise. He didn't want to seem "imbalanced," so he made accommodations at various points, that he later regretted. He told me, "When I look at you and your family, I realize it would have been easier and more fruitful to be extreme in my obedience. Moderate obedience to God's ways is actually more difficult (and painful) than full obedience."

I want to send you a recording of my message MAK-ING CHANGES - WITHOUT PROVOKING BITTER-NESS (#P-123, @ \$5 posted from CIM). It provides some advice about how to take extreme steps God may call you to, in a meek but bold way that reduces the likelihood that your family will resist your direction.

I suspect God would have you take some seemingly drastic steps with your family. But you need to do it while projecting a loving, humble (even broken) heart, without harshness or anger. I encourage you to consider explaining to your family that for their sakes, as well as the Lord's glory, you need to tighten the family circle and disciplines significantly, and only begin relaxing them gradually on the basis of earned trust and holy spirit guidance.

First, you apparently recognize that the "youth group" setting your kids are involved in is not healthy. If you are confident of this (and I strongly suspect you are correct), you need to be bold enough to eliminate that influence. Likely this applies to the Sunday School classes and possibly this "church" ministry itself. In my estimation this is the type of negative influence Jesus was talking about in Matthew 16:6-10, where he taught that for our children's sakes we must pluck out, cut off, and cast away things that

might otherwise generally be consid-

ered good.

You apparently also disapprove of the romantic relationship your daughter is pursuing. Once again, I believe God wants you to immediately and thoroughly cut that off. Numbers 30 makes it clear that a father has the right and responsibility to revoke even vows his daughter makes, if he recognizes them to be unhealthy!

Your son's drinking and brawling would be curtailed if he was not free to associate with friends that share in these activities. Although he is of legal age, according to the

world's legal system, before God he is to welcome remain-

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Your younger children's fighting, etc., needs to also be dealt with, of course. I suspect you are only enumerating a small percentage of the ungodly actions, words, and attitudes you are finding so discouraging.

I want to encourage you to stand like a man (1 Cor 16:13). The cancer destroying your family needs to be cut out cleanly and quickly. The Old Covenant provision for dealing with a rebel was to take him to the city elders and have him stoned (Deut 21:18-21). Under the New Covenant, I don't believe the Lord is pleased with that, but the parallel seems to be 1 Cor 5:5, where Paul wrote about handling sin in the church. he said to "deliver such a one to satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus."

I would encourage you to make it clear to all of your children that God has given them to you as a precious heritage (Psalm 127:30, and that you want them to stay with you. But let them know that if they refuse to follow your direction and example, you will have no choice but to exclude them from the family!

It seems to me particularly critical to let the daughter who is threatening to seek emancipation know that you will force the issue if she doesn't accept your protective author-

But I encourage you to communicate this is tears, reflecting a broken heart without any harshness, letting them all know excluding them is not your desire. Your



desire is for a UNITED, loving family pursuing the Lord's pleasure together. Individually (and corporately) ask them to give you their hearts (Prov 23:26).

Make sure your wife feels cherished (Eph 5:25) and understood (1 Pet 3:7). You must lovingly lead regardless of whether or not she follows your leadership. But presenting a united parental front for your children will provide security and peace that gives them the calm confidence that you will protect them, even from their own lack of self-discipline.

Pray with your wife and children. Let them taste your heart for the Lord and for them. They need to see both your strength and your weakness, as you humble yourself before the Lord in front of them.

Yours is not a hopeless situation, but the longer you allow compromises, the less likely you will ever be able to lead your family to spiritual wholeness. I encourage you to humbly and lovingly, but VERY BOLDLY, take the place of leadership God requires of you, and decisively insist, as Joshua did (Josh 24:15), "As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

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IT'S MY OPINION SEEK QUALITY, NOT QUANTITY

by David Buckman, Australia

(NOTE: [by TKC editor] Sometimes I suppose we get a little impatient with God and wonder why people aren't flocking to us to gain an insight into the blessed Israel Truth. yet, it doesn't happen and we must constantly remind ourselves what our mission is to sow seeds. And sometimes we don't realize the power of the messages we do deliver and how they differ so greatly from the milk-toast sermons of most churches. One thing I really like about Israel Truth ministries that we contact regularly is that, above all, they, like ourselves, delight in reaching out to build faith in our brethren, to teach them the wonderful Gospel of the Kingdom. I don't know of anything more satisfying and consider it a wonderful blessing when someone writes and tells us they were awakened by something they read or heard. Sadly, Churchdom to a great extent has become big business and Mr. Buckman has zeroed in on the great difference between quality and quantity. Thank you David).

I was listening to one of Alan Campbell's talks, and he mentioned the small numbers in the group he was addressing, about 30 people in a little hired hall in Belfast.

Well, so what, it's not QUANTITY, but the quality of the message being consumed by its adherents. I know of a Charismatic Church with fifteen thousand attendees who tithe over one hundred million dollars a year! But if you heard what they teach their people, you would not be impressed. [If you are poor, you don't have faith, they say] This is the success and wealth revelation now taught to the easily influenced who give them all their tithes and offerings and buy their tapes compact discs, early bird tickets to functions costing hundreds of dollars at a time, all in an attempt to PURCHASE salvation or become wealthy like the LEADERS!

Another group has their own prophets, and they have a site on the net where you can read their prophecies, or should I say their illusions. They are asking for money to purchase a multi-million dollar headquarters, to invite other ministries from around the globe to teach more of their misleading notions. These too are well known Charismatic Christian Leaders.

Jesus said, "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and LIFT up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." (Luke 21:28).

I was reading a prophecy by one of these ... I'd like to call him a Christian leader, but listen to this, you won't believe it. This man said he was talking to some friends, and, when he turned around, Jesus was standing there, and said to him; "... Hey mate, come with me and have a look at something!" So, off they went to the basement of a building and had a look at the foundations, etc. He claimed Jesus said the floor was a type of the foundation we should build on. Seriously, this is an International group with fellow-shippers world wide and well known.

Î have to question whether they ever read the Book of Romans, or Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians, or Second Timothy. How do I know this? I know by what they say! They quote their own writers and well-known Charismatic identities, including their own so called prophets, but NEVER the Apostle Paul's "prophetic scriptures," or Alan Campbell, or any other great teacher who just wants to do his or her part in helping to save souls.

Have you gone into an average Christian bookshop lately? You will not be inspired by what they sell. you might think as I do that most of it should be used for scrap paper and recycled as pulp at the paper mill to produce more paper. (I have looked at Koorong's catalog, and I agree! CIM)

One final thought! Which of the prophets did not know who the Children of Israel were? These modern day prophets certainly don't have any idea, and if you prove it to them, they seem to hate you all the more!

For my part, I look forward to the day we will all get together and share in our inheritance, and never again have to suffer for the TRUTH! (2 Tim 1:8-15).**

WHAT ARE WE EATING by Holly Mills

"If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name THE LORD THY GOD; Then the LORD will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, even great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses and of long continuance. Moreover he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou was afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee. Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, them will the LORD bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed." (Deut 28:58-61).

"As nightfall does not come all at once, neither does oppression. In both instances, there is a twilight when everything remains seemingly unchanged. And it is in such twilight that we all must be aware of change in the air, however slight, lest we become unwitting victims of the darkness." (Justice William O. Douglas from Common Ground, Issue 172 November 2005).

We are currently living in a very complex age. Things are happening in our society that would have been unheard of even twenty or thirty years ago. There are so many changes happening that it is hard to be aware of everything that is going on. We are therefore rapidly becoming "victims of the darkness," as in the above quote.

I recently went to a lecture by Dr Pat Howard, Professor of Science & Public Policy, School of Communications at Simon Fraser University, dealing with the Hazards of Genetically Modified Foods. These foods have quietly been filling our grocery stores for the past ten years. We have been consuming them without even knowing it, as they are not labeled. "Genetic engineering (GE) is a relatively new technology. It is the alteration of the genetic make-up of a plant or animal, usually by inserting genes from another species. For example, GE canola, an ingredient found in many foods, has been crossed with a soil bacterium gene to make the canola resistant to certain



herbicides. Other popular GE ingredients include GE corn and GE soybean. Many more varieties are currently under development in laboratories around the world." (From "Do you know what you ate today?" by The Council of Canadians). These are different from traditional plant breeding as they are crossing the plant animal barrier. Dr Howard said that this is a new science and the methods are not very precise and therefor unpredictable.

This lecture was very unsettling. We are now losing total control over what we are putting into our bodies. Dr. Howard stated that these foods are compromising our immune systems and leaving us vulnerable to many diseases, especially cancer. Genetically modified foods have not been adequately tested and many scientists are highly critical of them. "GE foods bring no benefits to consumers, They contaminate our environment and have jeopardized our agricultural export markets. In fact, the only people who seem to benefit from the proliferation of GE foods are the biotech companies who make them." (From "Do you know what you ate today?" by the Council of Canadians).

This is serious. God gave us our food laws to keep us healthy. Since we have abandoned our God and His Laws, we have fallen further and further into darkness. Changes are now happening very quickly. Many are happening without our knowledge. Our food is being threatened from all sides. We must be aware of this. Soy, canola, and corn are largely GE. GE foods are found in 7 out of 10 processed foods.

Our hope must be that our Israel people will soon awaken from their slumber. we need repentance and healing in our lands. Our nations are in deep distress, as they refuse to keep God's Laws. As individuals we run to the doctor whenever we are sick. This is OK, but we must be first and foremost going to the LORD and look at what He has told us to do to have good health. We are suffering for our refusal to comply with His Laws of health. Jesus the Christ showed us the laws of health and healing when He was here. We must obey them.

The light at the end of the tunnel is that our lands will be healed when Jesus returns. This will bring a time that none of us can imagine. In the meantime, the greatest advice we have is this, "Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: Behold, your God will come with a recompense, he will come and save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing:" (Isa 35:3-6).

"To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins, Through the tender mercy of our God, whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." (Luke 1:77-79).

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10.3 Why did Elisha the prophet command the king of Israel to chop down all the good trees in 2 Kings 3:19 in his war with the Moabites? I thought this was a violation of

God's Law.

Elisha did not command him to violate the Law of Deuteronomy 20;19-20. He merely prophesied that the ungodly king of Israel would do this. The context tells the story of the war with Moab. The Israelites, it seems, ran out of drinking water before the battle, and so they were in danger of losing the war before it even began. Thus, they called upon Elisha for help

If you look in verse 13, you will see that the prophet took a dim view of this king, because he cared nothing for the Law of God. In verse 16 we have Elisha's only command in the passage: "Make this valley full of ditches."

Verses 17-19 state what was to happen shortly, including the reason why they should dig ditches: (1) God was going to send them the water they needed; (2) they would defeat the Moabites; and (3) they would destroy all the cities, trees, land, and wells of Moab. These are all prophecies—not commands.

10.4 *Is there any secular and historical proof that Jesus lived? I don't doubt it, but I could use the references.*

Yes, there are a number of historical references to Jesus. One of the earliest is by the Roman historian, Valleus Paterculus, who lived during the time of Jesus. In his :"History of Rome," written in 31 AD he mentions travelling to Judea, where he met Jesus. He wrote of His miracles and how the authorities feared Him more than a whole army.

Within this History is a letter Pilate wrote to Tiberias Caesar, regarding the crucifixion and the resurrection of Jesus. Being a personal friend to Tiberias, he had access to this letter, which was found in the Vatican Library in 1883.

Another reference to Jesus is found in *Josephus'* **Antiquities of the Jews**, xviii, 3, written about AD 95. He, too, speaks of Jesus' death and resurrection and calls Him "the Christ." [*Josephus* #535 @ \$43.59]

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"I've checked out Churchill's Second World War and the statement is quite correct - not a single mention of Nazi 'gas chambers,' a 'genocide' of the Jews, or of 'six million' Jewish victims of the war.

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Eisenhower's **Crusade In Europe** is a book of 559 pages; the six volumes of Churchill's **Second World War** total 4,448 pages; and de Gaulle's three-volume **Mémoires de guerre** is 2,054 pages. In this mass of writing, whicjh altogether totals 7,061 pages (not including the introductory parts), published from 1948 to 1959, one will find no mention either of Nazi 'gas chambers,' a 'genocide' of the Jews, or of 'six million' Jewish victims of the war." Richard Lynn, professor Emeritus, University of Ulster, December 5, 2005

Here we are again, well and truly into the new year. may it be a year of opened eyes, and unstopped ears.

Greg Willson and Marella Roelofs will God willing be united in holy matrimony on March 11, and will be living in Tully. Unfortunately, some who we were hoping to see again, will not be able to come to the wedding. We look forward to seeing those who will be coming!

May our heavenly Father, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, open the eyes of His people, and give you His blessing and continued protection,

