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The Charge

I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; preach the word.

He did not say, "I charge thee, preach psychology, biology, ecology or anything else," he said, "Preach the word!" Every other subject is beyond the range of the preacher's responsibility. Preach the word!

Preach the word in view of the fact that you preach before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ who shall judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom.

Jesus shall judge the living and the dead, and on that day, many of the judgments made by the lower courts of the world will be overturned. Personally I believe the law permitting abortion will be over turned. The prayer amendment will be over turned. On that day some things declared to be legally right in this world, will be declared to be morally rotten by the righteous Judge of the universe.

Paul admonishes us to be urgent in season and out of season. There are only two seasons to preach the word. One is the in season, and the other is the out season. Preaching the word is always in season.

We have a lot of strawberry Christians. Strawberry Christians are the ones who preach, and worship, in a particular season. They come in season usually in the spring during the Lenten season and really get ripe on Easter Sunday. On Easter Sunday they are really juicy.

The strawberry contingent usually begin their season with Lent on Ash Wednesday. They go to services and have ashes daubed on their face. They may be dressed up in crocodile shoes, and the latest fashion in clothing, and they go about with ashes smeared on their faces.

Jesus said in Matthew 6, Moreover when ye fast be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: For they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thy head, and wash thy face; that

thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

Actually the devil doesn't care whether you give the Lord forty days or not, just as long as you give him the other three hundred and twenty-six. The question is often asked what are you giving up for Lent?

I heard of one lady who said she was giving up cod fish cakes because she did not like them anyway. One lady one time told me she was giving up ice cream. What a tremendous sacrifice. I'll tell you what to give up. Give up your cigarettes. Give up your booze. Give up drugs. Give up what Paul said when he referred to vile passions. Give up sin. Preach the word in season and out of season.

Sometimes we preachers think there is an off-season when it comes to preaching. We prepare a sermon with greater care for some event than others. A committee one time called on Enrico Caruso about singing for a concert at a benefit. The chairman said, of course, Mr. Caruso, we don't expect much from you, just a little ditty, something easy, this is for charity, your name will draw a crowd. Caruso said, "Gentlemen, Caruso never does less than his best." Paul spoke of the in season and the out season. He never said anything about the off-season. Preach the Word.

Remember he said, reprove, rebuke and exhort. Whatever happened to reprove and rebuke? We never hear it any more. I saw a religious television program one time when the preacher made his appearance in a glorious robe, opened wide this arms to the audience, and loudly exclaimed, "I am impressed with all of you beautiful people." One time in a large men's meeting I told them, "Go home, my brother, and spit in the devil's eye." About a month later a preacher told me he did what I said and they fired him. He said, "What is my next move?" I did not say the devil would not fire him, I just said spit in his eye. Of course, he won't like it, but do it anyway.

However reprove and rebuke is not all there is to preaching the word. There is a little matter of exhorting. To exhort is to encourage and urge people. Try exhorting them to read the word of God. A casual reading of the word of God is not enough. While it is important to read the Bible all the way through, in some cases it is like a sight seeing tour. Suppose a person sets out to drive from the east coast to the west coast. He comes home and you ask him if he saw Saint Louis? He says, "Yes, I went to Saint Louis; I saw the skyline on the way around the circle freeway." Did you see the Grand Canyon? "Oh yes, we flew over it on the way to the west coast." Then ask someone who has read the Bible through; did you see Abraham? "Oh yes, I saw Abraham on my way to meet Moses, and I saw Moses on the way to meet David, and I saw Daniel on my way out of the Old Testament." Try not to make your journey through the Bible a sight seeing tour: stop off and visit with Abraham, and then take a long visit with Moses, spend some time with the apostles, and spend much time at the cross and the empty tomb. Preach the word; Reprove, rebuke, and exhort.

Then Paul gives Timothy this warning, for the time will come when they will not endure the sound doctrine, but having itching ears will heap unto themselves teachers after their own lusts and turn away their ears from the truth unto fables.

Back in the thirties there was an entertainer who always greeted her audience the same way, "Hello, suckers." This was met with loud guffaws from the audience. As the show began she shouted to the other performers, "Give the suckers what they want." That is the philosophy of most preachers today. Give the suckers what they want. The message of the congregation to the preacher is, tell us what we want to hear and if you don't we will get rid of you and get somebody who will. Give the suckers what they want. Keep 'em happy.

Many years ago I overheard a conversation in a country store. Two ladies were talking and one said to the other: "My son tells me he has had the itch four times this summer, and he has enjoyed it all four times."

Some are just itching for me to say one baptism, is as good as another. I will not scratch no matter how much you would enjoy it. Preach the word.

Peter said in his second epistle with feigned words they make merchandise of you. The word feigned in Greek, is *plastos*. Sounds like he says with plastic words. The meaning of *plastos* is to mould to make fit. Some people can mold and shape and make any verse in the Bible fit their particular slant. We have a lot of plastic preaching. Some conventions appear to be fifty percent plastic. Peter said they make merchandise of you. That means that we have been sold down the river by a plastic ministry whose philosophy is, "Give the suckers what they want." Preach the Word!

Then Paul gives Timothy a word of encouragement as he considers the awesome responsibility of preaching the word. Be thou sober in all things, suffer hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill thy ministry. For I am already being offered, and the time of my departure is come. For I have fought a good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith.

"I have fought a good fight." When I was in about the second grade I heard the kids in the schoolyard say that there would be a fight that night in the schoolyard. So I thought the fight would be between two kids in school and they were going to come back after school hours and fight. That night after supper I told my mother that there was going to be a big fight in the schoolyard about two blocks away and I thought I ought to go. I told her that two guys by the names of Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney were the ones who would fight, and that Jack Dempsey was going to win. She informed me that the fight would not be in the schoolyard, it would be in Chicago, and Jack Dempsey was not going to win. She said Gene Tunney was going to win. During the fight, Jack Dempsey knocked Gene Tunney down. The referee began to count. He counted up to ten and because Dempsey had not gone to a neutral corner he kept on counting. He counted all the way to twenty. Tunney got up and continued the fight and won the decision. I'll tell you about another fight greater than that. It is and was the fight that I have had all my life with the Devil. He knocks me down and never goes to a neutral corner. He just stands there and stomps on me.

Later when Max Baer fought Joe Louis, somebody said Baer would win because he had Dempsey in his corner. Dempsey did not do Baer a bit of good. I heard the fight on the radio, and Louis knocked him out in one of the early rounds. In the fight I have with the Devil I am going to win because I have Christ in my corner. Will you be able to say with Paul, I have fought a good fight?

He also said, I have finished the course. He knew he had planted his last Church. He had written his last epistle. This was the end. I have finished the course. Paul told Timothy to fulfill his ministry, don't quit, finish. It is at the finish that you will want to say, "I have prayed my last prayer. I have preached my last sermon. I have sung my last song. I have baptized the last convert. I have finished the course." It has been wisely said, "It ain't over till it's over. It ain't over until the pleasingly plump lady sings." Every time a lady who is pleasingly plump sings a solo before I preach, I say to myself this may be the day when it will be said, "He has finished his course, because the pleasingly plump lady has sung. "Fulfill thy ministry."

Then he said I have kept the faith. If you believe the plan of salvation as preached by Peter the day the church began, never be satisfied with anything less; keep the faith. If you have been taught to observe the Lord's Supper every first day of the week, never be satisfied with anything less; keep the faith. Preach the word.

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LETTERS

The Bible Bush

Each year the 1st grade Sunday school class at the Severn Christian Church in Severn, MD participates in the "giving





Tree.” This year our “giving Tree” is changing to the “Bible Bush.” Our mission will be helping “The Ed Bousman

Evangelistic Association” which provides Bibles for people in Africa and other parts of the world. We will be using our Sunday school offering from December to February to purchase Bibles. We are happy to announce that we have \$55.06 for Bibles to help teach many about God and His love. We will keep you in our prayers. God bless you, Skip Carter, Justin Doucet, Maryssa Smith and teachers Warren & Diane Young.

Hello Ed,

Received today the religious materials you’ve sent thru the mail and I’m rushing this note to let you know and to say a big “THANK YOU.” Ed I will send you our actual photos in a week or two. Again, Ed thank you so much! Your materials are great aid to me and my ministry. I know it cost you so much to bring them to us, but Ed be assured such strain will reach heaven and soon be heralded to my people as I’m set to preach to them. Regards to our brethren who work with you side by side. Say thank you to them, and tell them I’m one of their recipients of their kindness and blessings through you.

Ed D. from Philippines

It is happiness to write this letter to you beloved brother and friend in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Because of some inconvenience I interrupt the correspondence Bible Study course, I was imprisoned, but now I am released, so now if you favor me I am asking you to continue the remaining lessons. May God bless you, and please use this new PO box and pray for us that God will encourage us.

Your brother Denden from Eritrea, E. Africa

Dear Ed,

I wanted you to know that we are a new congregation in Charleston, SC and due to the fact that there are only a handful of us meeting in a house, We have no minister, so every Sunday we use the computer (www.gijapa.org) to listen to a message from you. My husband said he has grown so much spiritually since listening to you. We are in an area where we are condemning if we think instruments are okay in worship, and then there are those Christian Churches that think it is okay to worship with every denomination. We would no longer accept these worship services. Please pray for our ministry as we are praying for yours. By the way: My dad is Bob Miller, from Grundy, VA, you may remember him from the Prayer Clinic, also you preached at Big Rock Church of Christ, VA, my dad once ministered there. May God Bless You.

The Low Country Church of Christ
Barbara & Anthony from SC

Dear Ed Bousman

Thank you for your continued letters and Holy Bible and the Bible study notes with all the lessons. I received all of your letters from June to December and was handed them all together before two weeks ago because for about 8 months I was in prison for we have such a persecution of Christians in our country. Thank you for your prayers and your free service and I’m so glad and thanksgiving to God for I get this opportunity to continue with my Bible Studies. As in my departing time the Holy Spirit gave me the strength to endure the little difficulties, I hope also for the rest. And we pray that there will be one day to be allowed worshipping God freely in Eritrea without being in prison. Enclosed are my next 5 lessons I look forward to the next one.

Yours in Christ Sinai from Eritrea, E. Africa

Dear Sir,

I listen to your programme on the Radio Africa and it touched my life. I am a community leader and I have converted many people to Christian. We need a Bible and the Bible study lessons you announced on your radio program.

Yours in Christ Chief Sunday from Nigeria, W. Africa

Dear Brother,

Peace from God be unto you through Christ Jesus our Lord, Amen. The work here is progressing to the glory of God. What I need from you is a complete Bible for our new converts. The Gambia is consisting of about 90% Muslim, and all we have is New Testament for teaching them. I need complete Bible.

Your own brother, Alex
from London Corner Church of Christ in
The Gambia, W. Africa

Dear Ed Bousman,

How are you doing Mr. Bousman? I have been doing O.K. I really have been better since I have put the Lord into my life, I have gotten into some trouble and I was running with the wrong people, I ended up here in Arkansas Department of Correction. Well Mr. Bousman I could tell you the best thing I done was get baptized washed all my sins away I wanted a new life for myself so I begin to live with the Lord. I need a large print Bible for here in prison it is hard to see with the light as they are. Along with the Bible, please send me your book of Bibles Studies. I also listen to you every Sunday 9:30 PM over KAAY out of Little Rock, AR. Thank you.

Kenneth from the prison in Wrightsville, AR

Dear Naomi & Ed,

Thank you so much for the GIJAPA radio program on CD. What a blessing. We do let others listen to them too. Thank you, Ed for making the message so clear surely Romans 10:15 is true of you! We feel it an honor to have met you both. Your comments about coffee and donuts struck a point we’ve brought up several times. It seems coffee and donuts are the first things some people want when they arrive at the Church house. I remember the day when

people couldn't wait to get to the Church for singing and preaching that is first on their minds. I hope when Christ returns if it's on a Sunday he'll find more people interested in worship than food. Our prayer is for God to bless you abundantly with health and strength through out the year.

Sincerely Tudy & Ken from
Jacksonville, NC

Ed Bousman,

I thank you for regularly sending me your audiocassette sermons and your newsletters. Unfortunately since we cannot get the radio reception clearly we find it very difficult to hear your programme over the radio. However your audiocassettes serve us well as my sister and myself hear them over and over again. Your talks are very spiritually enlightening and help us learn the Bible in even greater depth. Please keep sending in your audiocassettes and newsletters as we treasure your sermons. Thank you once again and wishing each and every one of you at GIJAPA all the very best this year 2007.

I am Your brother in Christ
Newton from Mumbai, India

Dear Brother Ed Bousman,

My name is Vidmar. I am Croat, temporarily serving a sentence in the Greek prisons. I was compelled to write you this letter after being listening on the several occasion your preaching the word of God usually at Sundays over the short-wave frequency. I cannot say what frequency was because my radio receiver is old and battered, it is not complete, there is no scale numbers but it is still serving the purpose thank God. I would like to have that book you were talking about the last Sunday 2/25/07 something about Studies of the Bible, and enroll in your Bible course. For now, so much I look forward to your reply.

Your brother in Christ,
Vidma from N. Fokidas, Greece

Dear Ed,

My warm greetings to you all. I am giving thanks to God almighty very much, for through this ministry. It is truly blessing to me and continue to be blessed by these distant learning. This has been a source of nourishment to my spiritual growth and maturity in the Lord. Last time I received a certificate when I completed Studies In the Bible and a volume 3 NT Sermon Book. Thank you very much for your concern and may God graciously continue blessing this ministry.

Dawit from Eritrea, E. Africa

I received this note from Mike Foday, a preacher in Monrovia, Liberia along with 3 sets of lessons that Prince had completed and asked Mike to mail back to us. "Ed, Prince was a Muslim and a politician. He lives 200 miles away from Monrovia. He got converted through these lessons you sent us, and one of your Bibles I gave him. I baptized him 3 weeks ago when he came down to Monrovia. Continue to pray for him. Mike Fioday"

Hello Mr. Bousman

My name is Christopher and I'm from Richmond, VA. I'm 33 years old. I am a well-respected person who made the wrong decision and chose the easy route by selling drugs and it did nothing but take me away from my 7-year-old daughter and my family. I'm sentence to 22 years and I'm looking to give some of it back. When I was in the jail I decided to give my life to God to better and humble myself. My daughter goes to church every Sunday and that's something I want to be able to do with her. To make a long story short cause I know you are a busy man, I want to continue to learn more about the Bible but since I been here I haven't been able to read cause they wouldn't let me bring my Bible with me, so would you please send me one along with any Bible studies you have.

Thank you from the Federal Correctional
Institute in Glenville, WV



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