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POINTS TO PONDER

From Archives of Ed Bousman

HEROES, HELL, MATH, FLAT TIRES AND FLOWERS

Here is an item that I know you will all enjoy reading. It is a statement about Hell that Jesus gave us. Perhaps you may wonder what could be enjoyable about Hell. Just read your newspaper ads and look at television. People seem to enjoy such shows as Murder She Wrote. People like to see horror movies. They love to see people get in cars and watch them get blown up when they turn the ignition on. Some shows are advertised as movies that will scare you to death. Some of the rides at amusement parks are advertised as the most frightening rides you will ever have. A show featuring Dracula sucking somebody's blood is a sure fire way to draw a crowd.

HELL

Hell is the ultimate horror event, so you ought to enjoy reading and hearing about it. So savor this statement. Enjoy, Enjoy, Enjoy, let it send enjoyable shivers up your spine. Here it is, Jesus said, "Depart from me ye cursed into the eternal fire which is prepared for the Devil and his angels." Now that you have been thrilled, call a friend and tell them what the Lord said so they can have some fun.

MEMORY

Think of it. Adam and Eve are the only two people who ever lived who could remember what it was like to have lived in Paradise. They not only could remember it, but Adam remembered it for over 900 years. Is there any doubt that he thought about it every day of every month of those 900 years. What a terrible memory. There is a worse memory that many will have. The memory in eternity of all the opportunities they had to obey the Lord and did not do it. What a horrible memory to think eternally that you could have gone to Paradise and by your own free will and choice went to Hell.

HEROES

Young people have heroes today, usually some drug addicted, millionaire ball player. As a young person I had Heroes also. My heroes were Jesse James, Al Capone, and Robin Hood. I hope this doesn't effect the giving of any of our listeners on the radio. I have a new set of heroes now.

FLAT TIRES

The Good Ole Days: Sometimes I have a hankering to go back to the good ole days. Here is one event that took place in my life in the good ole days. I had a jalopy that I drove from Cincinnati to Lynchburg, a distance of about 50 miles. There was nothing unusual to have a flat tire on the way since my tires were almost bald. On one occasion I had three flat tires on that 50 mile stretch. That was no problem because I was always prepared. I always carried at least three spare tires with me. That car burned a lot of oil, so I always carried a five gallon can of used oil on the back seat they gave me at the gas station. Oil they had drained from the cars of rich people when they had their oil changed. About every hundred miles I lifted the hood and using a rolled up Life magazine cover for a funnel, I added about a quart of oil. The last time I drove that car it caught fire about a mile from home. I jerked out the wires under the dash and left it there on the side of the road. I sold it to another young fellow who had always admired it for 25 dollars. I said then if I ever got hold of a new car I would trade it in every two or three years for another one. This I have done since 1947. I still have a hankering to go back to the good ole days. But what was good about the good ole days? The jalopy was just one item that mirrors my living conditions. Yet I still want to go back and visit the good ole days. I think I know the answer. It is because I realize now that happiness cannot be measured in the possession of new cars fully loaded, or in ownership of a house, or in dollars and cents, or in any other material things that we prize so highly. There is something more to being happy than in the possession of things. I wish I had known that 50 years ago.

MATH—PHARAOH'S BUTLER

Pharaoh's butler said, "I remember my faults this day." So do I. I remember my indolence in school. It took me five and a half years to get through High School. I had a brother five years younger who was a straight A student and he almost overtook me. He graduated from High School just one semester after I did. He almost caught up with me. The principal wrote me a letter and advised me to never go to a higher institution of learning. I remember on one biology test there were one hundred true and false questions. When the teacher passed out the papers he announced that I had gotten so many wrong answers that I had broken the law of averages. He said anybody could have made a better grade by merely guessing at the answers. He took me to the office of the principal and they both agreed that I had won the booby prize. I remember in Algebra class the teacher asked a question that no one could answer. He asked me and I told him it was the right answer. He was about five feet tall and as bald as a cue ball. I can see him unto this day as he put his hands on his hips and looked at me in exasperation and said, "You have a mathematical mind-why don't you try?" Like pharaoh's Butler-I remember my faults this day.

FLOWERS

Why is it that in many Churches they pile up flowers and plants around the pulpit, especially after a funeral so that all you see of the preacher is a head sticking out in the bushes. The situation is compounded in some places by a chunk of wood called a podium that is wide enough to hide a sumo wrestler. Perhaps they have an Adamic complex. When he sinned he hid himself in the woods and spoke to God from the bushes. The pulpit is mentioned one time in the Bible. In Nehemiah 8:4-When Ezra the scribe read the law to the people he stood upon a pulpit of wood which they made for that purpose. They needed to see the preacher as well as hear to get the full benefit of the message. Perhaps people today think they beautify the pulpit by hiding the preacher in the bushes. It is the word of God that beautifies the pulpit. When I go into the pulpit and find myself behind a fancy block of wood ten sizes too large and surrounded by bushes, were it not for making a spectacle of myself I would kick them out of the way. I preached a revival in one congregation one time and about two years later the preacher suggested that they have me back again. The powers that be did not think it a good idea. The reason for not having me back was expressed by one of the elders when he said, "The last time he was here he stood on top of our holy pulpit." Perhaps he was ignorant of what Ezra did. One version says that Ezra stood on a high wooden pulpit built for the occasion. (Nehemiah 8: 4-5 ⁴And Ezra the scribe stood upon a pulpit of wood, which they had made for the purpose. . . And Ezra opened the book (for he was above all the people;) and when he

opened it, all the people stood up:) EB-1997

CORDELL HULL AND THE OTHER SIDE

I received a letter recently from one of my favorite young preachers about a revival in Byrdstown, Tennessee. I note that the Church is located on Cordell Hull Drive. Now Cordell Hull was Secretary of State under Franklin D. Roosevelt. One time Cordell Hull was riding on a tram He looked out the window and saw a flock of sheep that had been sheared. Cordell Hull said, "I am sure they have been sheared at least on one side." Now for those of you who are a little thick in the head let me explain that to you. What Cordell Hull meant was-since he could only see one side, he was not going to go out on a limb and say that the sheep had been sheared on both sides. Cordell Hull was saying, I want to see both sides before I make up my mind. That is good philosophy. Always look at both sides before you make a decision. How about the decision as to the correct baptism as far as purpose is concerned. Well, one side is in what Peter said in Acts 2:38, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." As far as the method is concerned Luke tells us in Acts 8:38, "And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him." Now that is only one side of the question as far as the purpose and method is concerned. But don't make up your mind until you consider the other side. Look into the Bible which is the word of God and check out the other side. When you do I truly believe that you will come to the same conclusion as I, "HEY MAN THERE AIN'T NO OTHER SIDE." EB-1996

IDDANNORS

My dear sister Naomi,

Thank you that you will send us Bibles and clothes. It is very cold now up to July. My sister, send us sweaters for our children: Brian, 15 years; Melody, 12 years; Ireen, 10 years; Edith, 8 years and Naomi, 2 years. Again send us school shoes for our children according their ages. For me and my wife, shoes size 8 for me and 5 for my wife. And for other children in the church and community, girls dresses for children aged 8 to 12 years old. On Bibles, send us more boxes and reading glasses # +1.00, +1.50 and +2.00. Thank you for sending us Bibles and clothes, especially praying for us, our ministries and our brother Ofori Alexander in Ghana, for quick recovery. I also pray for him all the time. We pray for you my sister too. Naomi is crying to go to school. We have applied for land to the municipal council to have our own land to build the Church in future. Land is very, very difficult to get in Zambia. Please pray for us and the Church to get the land. Thank you my sister. God continue to bless you and bless the work we are doing together.

Your brother and fellow servant of Christ, John Maseka, Evangelist, Messenger Church of Christ in Zambia

Dear Sister Naomi,

Thanks be to God recently, two Pentecostal preachers

have been converted. While teaching them, I developed something like asthma. I was facing hard breathing every day. The brethren here helped me for ticket to send me to Accra Ghana for treatment at the teaching hospital. This was after all hospitals in The Gambia had not been able to help me. Since yesterday I can feel that I am getting better, thanks be to God. Please keep on praying for me. Bibles and other things you may send to us would be received by the brethren in my name in The Gambia in case they arrive at a time I am still in Ghana. We are grateful for your great assistance towards the Lord's work and us all in The Gambia. Thanks.

Alexander Ofori, a servant of The Most High God, London Corner Church of Christ - June 5th

Dear sister Naomi, Thanks so much beloved sister. I am getting better in Ghana and hope to be in The Gambia soon through His grace. I will have to do another test and possibly the last in two weeks time. Please keep on praying for me. I feel okay now but since I come from far, the doctor wants me to be here for some few weeks to make sure I am fully OK. Thanks for the 3 boxes of Bibles you posted. If even I am not there before the Bibles arrive one of the brothers will receive and I will keep you informed. We are very grateful for your help to us in this way, beloved sister Naomi. I also thank you for your prayers, I am also, and the brethren here praying for you.

Thanks so much in the Lord, sister. Alexander Ofori, a servant of The Most High God-June 14th.

Hi Madame Naomi, Thanks so much for replying back. I have some premonition that you were ill, & this has given me some worry for you. So glad that seems things are working well for you now. We keep on praying for you on your swift recovery. We will pray for brother Ofori also. We understand this would be some delays of his work too. Madame, appreciate too for the boxes of Bibles and cloth. We will let you know when we have got them in the mail. Take care always. We love you. Our children in our local churches send their regards too to all of you at GIJAPA. I am heading south today for a Bible study with a family of three. God Bless Us Always!

Ed Domingo, Sunset Beach Church of Christ in Philippines

Dear Naomi,

I am locked up with Lamont, in Galveston County Jail, one of your students. My name is Hayne and I've resided here for the past three months. I was addicted to a very powerful drug Crystal Meth and it has cost me everything. In the last year I have lost my wife, kids, home and now my freedom. I'm looking for a way to turn my life around. It has been ages since I went to Church and have been lost in darkness for some time. This dark tunnel has only gotten darker and more lonely. I need the Lord to be a beacon of light to pull me out of this. My ex-wife is still out on the streets doing drugs and hasn't slowed down. The kids are living with my 76 year old grandmother who is doing her best for them. They deserve to have at least one of us in their life and it's looking like I have to be the one. My two daughters mean the world to me and I will do anything for them. It scares me more than anything that once I'm free Crystal Meth will find its way back into my

life. I have a long road ahead of me and a lot of making up to do. My family has turned their back on me except for my father. He is the only one who tries to help me and bless his heart, he does what he can. There is nobody else I can turn to and Lamont has helped me more than he realizes. He pointed me back towards the Lord and gave me a gentle push in the right direction. He has probably saved my life without knowing so. I will always remember him and this day as I'm pressing the "reset" button switching paths. It's time for change and I hope you can help with this process. I thank you for your time and hope that this will start a lifelong friendship with the Lord. God bless you and thank you again. *Galveston, TX*

To Whom It May Concern:

I Timothy would like to thank you all at the Ed Bousman Evangelistic Association for the Bible you sent to me. I had allowed myself to place a blind on my eyes and ears and heart about my covenant with God. All is on an uphill ladder from here, so I did the Bible course that came with the Bible. Thank you for that too. If you offer any more Bible Courses (we have total of 12) I truly would love to receive them. I just want you all to know that your efforts to serve God are working. Thank you.

Criminal Justice Center in Conroe, TX

Dear Bousman,

I'm Gary and I am an inmate with the Arkansas Department of Correction for a very long sentence. I'm in need of a Bible and Bible Studies. I would be greatly appreciated if you could help me. *Sincerely, GH*

Evangelist Bousman,

Greetings in the name that is above every name, Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, and Savior. I have been blessed by your wonderful, "God Is Just A Prayer Away" radio ministry that is broadcast to us via Radio Africa each week. It covers West Africa countries and other parts of the world. I would kindly request for Christian literature that you announced at the end of your broadcast that is available for the asking. In His presence.

Olusegun from Lagos Sate, Nigeria

I have heard your broadcast on different stations for years. It is a very informative half hour. Stations: WLW 6:30 and 8 a.m. Cincinnati, OH; WHAS 7:30 a.m. Louisville, KY; WRVA 7:04 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. Richmond, VA and the old WIBC 7:30 a.m. Indianapolis, IN. Enclosed is something to help with the broadcasts.

Thank you. Gary, Cincinnati, OH

To whom it may concern: My name is John and I'm trying to get same Bible Studies and a Bible so I can study and get myself right with God. I need as much guidance as I can because I'm ready for a change but don't know where to start or when to start. To be honest I've been repealing the same cycle so much and now I'm back in the same rotation that I've prayed numerous amounts of times not to be in; but the Devil keeps tugging at my being and I do not want to live this life. I'm at the edge of losing my wife of nine years and my son is starting to see a part of the street life I vowed to keep him away from. Please if you can send me some Bible studies and a Bible and if I'm not asking for too

much can you send the same to my wife. Our names and addresses are below. *Galveston*, *TX*

I am Gerald and I just heard some very good things about the Bible study you provide for inmates. I would like to request a Bible and take part in the study you offer. I would like to thank you for your kindness in providing a study such as yours. God bless you. Could you also send a Bible and study to Andy Dean, Shon and Jeremy too? We are all housed at Galveston County Jail in Galveston, TX.

I just got to Travis State Jail in Austin, TX last week; I have been locked up since June. I was told by the men here that you would send me Bible and Bible Studies. I have no money to pay you but when I get released I would like to repay you, it may only be a few dollars at a time. God has been so wonderful to me. He has taken away the desire for all drugs, booze, pills and cigarettes. I was locked up before but was able to get the pills and stuff but not this time. I lost all desire for them and I've been clean for 110 days - that's a record for me. I was told if I went "cold"

turkey" I would die. I have not even had a withdrawal. I was on the psych pills for about 25 years for depression, bipolar, night terrors, anxiety, blood pressure. I have tried to kill myself so many times in the past. I have had no problems since I quit taking those pills and stopped the meth, booze and cigarettes.

Thank you for listening and God bless. Chris

Hello, my name is Chad and I am 31 year old male with full custody of my only child. I'm incarcerated here at Caddo Correctional Center on charges of DUI. It's one of the biggest mistakes of my life but it has made me thirsty for the knowledge of our Lord. I'm trying to learn what I can in here to be able to teach it to my son Kaleb when I get out this October. I'm searching for a religious home for us both. Not sure which way to go. Please send me a Bible and studies that would be absolutely awesome. Thank you so much for helping me and my son in our walk with Christ.

God bless, Shreveport, LA

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	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Morning Worship	9:00-9:30		Jeff Bush	Jeff Bush	Jeff Bush
	9:40-10:10		Vernon Eldridge	Olan Hicks	Mike Steere
	10:20-10:50		Terry Carter	Jason Cole	Dean Jackson
	11:00-11:30		Mike Roberts	Denny Coburn	George Al-Salty
	2:15-2:55		George Al-Salty	Jack Cottrell	Preacher Boys
	3:10-3:50		George Faull	Tony Sullivan	3x5 Session
	7:20-7:50	Ray Bennett	Johnny Pressley	Harvey Bream	George Faull
	8:20-8:50	Willie Purdee	Aaron Davis	David Frye	Tony Sullivan



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