It Is Written

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THE GREAT PROBLEM

All preachers and teachers have many problems to deal with. But to me there is one that is much greater than any other. That problem is: how to get professed Christians to really believe in God. You ask, Do not all people who claim to be Christians believe in God? My answer is No. And I will try to show why I so answer.

A man may believe that there is a God and still not believe IN GOD. Gen. 3:1—"And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" Ver. 4 "And the serpent said unto the woman Ye shall not surely die." The Devil acknowledged that God was, but he did not acknowledge his truthfulness.

Now I believe that if we will carefully consider conditions in the religious world as we find them today we will be compelled to conclude that the great majority of so called Christians believe that there is a being called God, but do not believe in the powers that the Bible attributes to God.

Maybe we should consider the statement of Paul 1, Cor. 10:11 "Now all these things happened unto them for examples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. "Of the 600,000 men who came out of Egypt only two were permitted to enter the promised land. Why were so many lost?

Rom. 11:20 "Well; because of Unbelief, they were broken off, and thou standeth by faith. Be not high minded, but fear. "Again, Heb. 3:12 "Take heed brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God." Ver. 19 "So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief."

Did those people not believe that God was? They had heard his very voice at Sinai and absolutely knew that he was. In what then was their unbelief? In his attributes.

Turn to Ps. 78 and read the whole chapter. Notice verse 19, "Yea, they

spake against God; they said, Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?" Ver. 22 "Because they believed not in God, and trusted not in his salvation." They did not believe God had Power to do what was necessary for their material salvation.

God's power would embrace knowledge as to what is best and ability to put that knowledge to work. God knew that manna was best for the children of Israel and he provided that manna. They wanted something else.

The fact that they wished for something beside what God provided was proof that they did not have faith in God. Are people today really "Admonished" by what they read about the Old Testament, people? Look at the so called Christians. They all claim to believe the New Testament is God's will to the people of our age.

They claim to believe that God is all powerful. Do they demonstrate that belief in what they do? Most of them want to teach the sinner some other way to become a Christian besides the way pictured in the Bible. Is that showing faith in God?

But the great majority of those who teach correctly what the sinner must do to become a child of God, after they get him a child, make him unsatisfied with the way of worship and church work that God has ordained. Is that showing faith In God?

They virtually say, God's way is not sufficient. I have been asked in my work as an evangelist if I thought God can save the world in that "Little old church of which I am a member, the Church of Christ." A person who asked that question did not have faith in God. He was limiting God's power.

God could save every person in the Church of Christ if every person was willing to do as God directs. If a sinner does as God directs he is "Added to the Church", the Church of Christ. If a church member does only what God's word directs him to and does all that word says, he will be saved. And it does not take more than the one church to save him.

As it does not take more than the one church to save a person it also does not take any other form of worship than that in the Bible to save eternally. Instrumental music, individual cups, only fermented wine, keeping the loaf in one piece as it is passed to the brethren, Sunday School, in the church services were not provided by God.

Does it not seem that when brethern provide them to aid in what they call saving the world that by so doing they show their lack of Faith in God? Will that lack of faith or unbelief cause them to not enter into heaven?

It caused the Israelites to not enter in to their promised land. Why then might it not let us enter into heaven?

We need to heed Paul's admonition, "Take heed brethren, lest there be in anyone of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God."

Let us be satisfied with, "What is written." Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.

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THE SPIRITS

I shall base my subject on the scripture found in 1 John 4:1, the Lord tells us believe not every Spirit but try the Spirits whether they are of God or not, because many false Prophets are gone out into the world. We have the spirit of God which is his word St. John 6:63, " These words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit and they are Life, and the evil Spirit is the teachings of man for it works through the teachings of man."

Man and his teachings said that a sinner can pray and the Lord will hear and answer his prayers. But the spirit of the Lord said Prov. 15:29, "The Lord is far from the wicked, but he heareth the prayers of the righteous." Prov. 15:8,"The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord, but the Prayers of the upright is his delight." Prov. 34:16, The face of the Lord is against them that do evil."

The word of the Lord has not authorized the use of music in the worship St. John 4:24 "God is a Spirit and they that worship him MUST worship him in Spirit and in truth." NOT WITH MUSIC. St. John 17:17, "Thy word is truth," But man said worship God with music.

God said in Deut. 4:2, "Ye shall not add to the word of the Lord." And, if we do, we will die. In Rev. 22:18, "I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this Book if any man shall add unto these things God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book."

Friends we had better be sure the things we are doing in our worship is authorized by the word of God and not by some man made idea, because the Apostle has told us in Gal. 1:8-9, "Though we or an Angel from Heaven preach any other Gospel unto you than that we have preached unto you let him be accursed."

Man teaches that the heart that they feel the Holy Spirit in is in their breast. But the Spirit of God said that the heart we have, the Spiritual heart, is what we think with, Matt. 9:4, and Rom. 10:10. The evil spirits teach men that Jesus in the communion service took off a piece of the bread and ate it before passing to the disciples.

And another spirit said that Jesus did not break the bread before passing to the audience. But the Spirit of God said," Jesus took bread and blessed it and brake it and gave it to the disciples." And still another said Jesus took the cups, and gave thanks, and gave to the disciples.

But the Spirit of God said Jesus took the CUP. Now notice how the

little word NOT, caused Adam to be cast out of the garden and caused sin and death to be passed on us all, because he thought the little word NOT wouldn't make any difference. Friend CUP is not Cups, and we had better be careful how we use the word of the Lord.

Also, the evil spirits tells us to call for the elders of the Church if we are sick and have them to pray over us and that will heal us. But the spirit of the Lord said The Prayer of faith would save the sick, NOT heal. Now the Lord said in Matt. 7:22, "Many would say to him in that day that they had cast out devils in his name and done many wonderful works, but he will say depart from me ye that work iniquity I never knew you.

The Word of God said in Psalms 9:17, "The wicked shall be turned into hell," and all the nations that forget God. Along comes another spirit and said that God gave him a revelation and told him where he could find the law of the church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day saints, and that was the prophet Joseph Smith.

And they have their book written by the same, but the Spirit of God told us, "Though we or an Angel from heaven preach any other Gospel than that we preach let him be accursed." Another Spirit said God calls men to preach and that they hear him and talk with him.

But the Spirit of God said, "Now we see our calling." And if we see our calling it can't be by some dream or supposed vision, and if we are called it must be by the word of God, 1 Cor. 1:26, Eph. 2:8.

And here is another spirit. It comes along and tells us that it is OK for women to wear slacks or jeans and other cloths like men. But the spirit of God said; in Deut. 22:5, "The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth to a man. Neither shall a man put on a womans garment, for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God." Also 1 Pet. 3:3, and 1 Tim. 2:9 gives the woman how to dress.

And another spirit said to have classes to teach the children with women teachers. But the Spirit of God said for a woman not to speak in the churches. Also the same spirit said to speak one at a time, that all may learn and all may be comforted.

Then another Spirit said a man was saved the minute he believed. But the spirit of the Lord said, James 2:17, "Faith without works is dead, it being alone." So you see that if a man is saved the minute he believes, he is saved on a dead spirit.

But God is not The God of the dead but of the living. So couldn't be their savior. A man must have Faith, Heb. 11:6, Acts 3:22.

He must repent, Acts 11:18; 3:19; Lk. 13:3. He must confess, Acts 8:36-37;

Matt. 10:32. And he must be baptized, Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 2:38; Gal. 3:27; Rom. 6:3-4.

So I hope that this will be of some good to all that reads it and will help us to try the spirits to see if they are of God or not.

with Love to all,
Willie Doan, Broken Bow, Okla.,
Rt. 1, Box 51, A.

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Jacksboro, Texas
1-20-53

Dear Bro. Garrison:

Enclosed you find $1.00 (One Dollar) for which send me the paper IT IS WRITTEN. I think my subscription has just about run out. I like the paper fine. It has some very fine articles in it. I would like to know who wrote the article THE SERVANT AT THE TABLE, please give me his name and address. I want to write to him. Extending to you my love, in words and in happiness, for you and your's and in prayer to God, that you may be long spared for the task to which he has called you, as ever, Yours in the ONE HOPE.

A. W. Fenter,
Jacksboro, Texas,
Box 151.

Thank you Bro. Fenter for the words of encouragement, and for the support of IT IS WRITTEN. —C. G.

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Cave Junction, Ore.
Jan. 1, 1953

Dear Bro. Garrison:

I have not yet received IT IS WRITTEN, and wonder if you are sick and was not able to put it out, or if mine got lost in mailing. You have been doing a splendid job of putting out IT IS WRITTEN. I hope and trust you will be able to go through with it. May God's richest, blessing rest on you and yours.

As ever, Yours in Christ,
J. S. Bedingfiled,
Rt. 1, Box 100, Cave Junction, Ore.

Thank you Bro. Bedingfiled, I shall not forget that it was you that endeavored it's beginning. —C. G.

Los Angeles, Calif.
Jan. 28, 1953

Dear Bro. Garrison:

Receiving IT IS WRITTEN. We are all well and wish you the same. Keep up the good work, and may the Lord bless you.

Yours in Christ,
Stanley Niemcyzk.

Thank you Bro. Niemcyzk for the words and for the contribution.—C. G.

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Carlsbad, New Mexico
Jan. 19, 1953

The Carlsbad, New Mexico church sends in their usual contribution for IT IS WRITTEN. Let us not forget this little band of brethren who are striving to keep house for the Lord. May, the Lord bless every effort that is put forth there, and many thanks.

Your Brother—C. G.

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Duncan, Okla.
2-1-53

Received a contribution from the Valley View congregation near Duncan, Okla. I haved preached there, and this a very fine congregation but small. Anyone that might live near or know anyone who is moving near Duncan, can sure find a place of worship at this place. Bro. G. L. Crowson is the leader there and a fine one. This congregation is located about six miles east and about three miles south of Duncan. May the Lord bless them for their work there. Thank you Bro. Crowson and the church for its support.

Yours in Christ,
—C. G.

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Stillwell, Okla.
2-2-53

Dear Bro. Garrison:

Enclosed you will find $5.00 for IT IS WRITTEN. We enjoy the paper very much. We have a small church at Stillwell, Okla., with thirteen members, If anyone should come this way, we would be glad if they would stop and worship with us. The church here is located about seven miles

south of Stillwell.

Yours in Christ,
Floyd Cantrell.

Bro. Cantrell, we are very glad and appreciate a lot the contribution from the church there. Our prayers are for you and the church there to continue the fight of truth. We would appreciate an article from you at any time.

Yours in Christ,
—C. G.

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Plainview, Texas
2-3-53

Received a nice letter from a Sister in Christ, with a contribution of ten dollars for IT IS WRITTEN. Thank you a lot for the nice words about the paper and the help.

Yours in Christ,
—C. G.

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Grand Prairie, Tex.
February 5, 1953

Dear Brethren:

Would like to write a few lines to say I appreciate very much the interest the church is showing to IT IS WRITTEN. It is when everyone of the same banner and those who love the truth are united in one body, that we shoulder the responsibility of trying to gain, what we through neglectfulness, seemed to have lost. Let us together strive to teach the truth, through the paper, by conversation, and from the pulpit. In so doing we shall not be found wanting in the great day of eternity. Thank you so much.

Your Bro. in the Lord,
Coy Garrison.

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

The Church at Carlsbad, N. M., is in need of some one who can lead and anyone thinking of going west would find a welcome there and they could give one an idea of the prospects of work there they meet at the present time in the home of Bro. Paul Bruce, 305 S. Olive, Carlsbad, N. M.

Yours in Chirst,
W. E. Daniels, Broken Bow, Okla.

Broken Bow, Okla.

The Church at Broken Bow is still fighting for the truth we are still on

the upbuild. Bro. Treat and Bro. Daniels, both is now with us and we sure do appreciate both of them they stand firm on the truth and are ready to fight for it at any and all times, we have hours for worship at 10:45 A. M. and 7 P. M., each Lord's day, and we invite anyone passing this way to stop and worship with us. Bro. Treat or Bro. Daniels, one or the other will preach on Lord's Day. Well, I am still calling for those scriptures that teach Jesus took off a piece of the bread and ate it, and also give a pattern of the communion leaving out Matt., Mk., Lk. and 1 Cor. 11. And will someone tell us where they ever used fermented wine in the Communion service. Did Isiah, tell the truth when he said that wine was found in the Cluster, Isiah, 65:8. Where does the New Testament say that the new wine will make you drunk? Where does the scripture tell us that Christ drank strong wine? I would be glad to have an answer to those questions. Just write me and tell me where to find them and I will appreciate it very much. Brethren, do not forget to keep your contributions coming in to the paper. Bro. Treat has his hands full to help take care of it, and to support his family, but he seems determined. Yours for the Gospel, Church of Christ, Broken Bow, Okla.

R. C. Clements

Also an article from Bro. Daniels about the church at Horatio, Ark. They had one to come back to the faith from the Baptist church. He at one time was a faithful preacher, and also has declared that he is ready to fight for the truth again as it is written in the word. Also the Church at Somerton, Ariz. sends in support to the paper, so let us all keep up the good work, and stand for the truth, as it is written.

Yours in Christ, Lloyd Treat,
Broken Bow, Okla., Rt. 1, Box 51.