THUS SAITH THE LORD

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Why Do You Wait?

"And now Lord,what have I to wait for? My hope is in thee"(Psalm 39: 7) I. Are you waiting for saving power? Why wait? "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ,for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth" (Rom.I:I6) 2. Are you waiting for converting power? "The law of the Lord is perfect,converting the soul" (Psalm I9:7). 3. Are you waiting for sanctifing power? Why wait? "sanctify them through thy truth,thy word is truth" (John I7:I7) 4. Are you waiting for perfecting power? Why wait? "All scripture is given by the inspiration of God,and it is profitable for doctrine, for reproof,for correction,for instruction in righteousness;that the man of God may be perfect,thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Tim.3:I6,I7). 5. Are you waiting for God to give you faith? Why wait? "So then faith cometh by hearing,and hearing by the word of God" (Rom.I0:I7) 6. It is deceptive for you to wait for a certain kind of a feeling. (But be ye doers of the word and not hearers only,deceiving your own selves" (James.I:22) 7. It is hypocritical for you to wait for the church to get better. "But why dost thou judge thy brother? And why set at naught thy brother? For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ" (Rom.I4:I0) 8. Dont you know it is dangerous to wait for a more convenient time? "Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even as a vapor that appeareth for a little time,and then yanisheth away" (James 4:I4) Now why havent you become a member of the Lord's Church? Why do you wait? There is room in the Church of Christ for you,no need to wait for a vacancy. Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ,the Son of God? Have you repented of your sins? Will you confess the name of Christ before men? Will you come be baptized for the remission of sins? If you will obey those commandments, I or some other preacher will baptize you and the Lord will add you to his Church. Why do you wait? Come now and make peace with God. Evangelist.James S.L.Morse.

MAILING ADDRESS.
TO.

 A letter from Bro.F.H.Logan,of Modesto,Calif

Dear Bro.In Christ:
I will now try and answer your letter,Iwas indeed glad to hear from you. This leaves me up but not well by any means. I have been in poor health all of my life,but of course better at times,but have been just dragging around now for some time. I am feeling lots better at present. I hope this finds you well. We have a lot of sickness among our members here at Modesto,but all are improving at present. Bro.& Sis.Conder have been ill for a year or more,and were unable to attend church,until here of late,they are again able to attend. Sis.Mae Morse has had a heart attact,but is improving. Sis.Jewel Cadwell has been in the hospital for about 9 days,she under went an operation,and is recovering nicely. The church here is doing fine. I went up to San Pablo,Calif.,and preached for the faithful few up there. They are a faithful little band of brethren,yet they owe a considerable amount on their place of worship. If any of the other congregations feel they could,and would love to help those brethren with their debt,it certainly would be appreciated by those brethreb, I am sure. I am taking this opportunity to make this appeal for them. Send all donations to: Bro.Amos S.Bever, I509 I5th St. San Pablo, Calif. Bro.Morse,I am truly glad that you have begun to publish the paper "Thus Saith The Lord". nI am sending you $5.00 to help on the paper,and I am sure more will help with it. I talked with the brethren at San Pablo,on Sunday,about it,and hope they can help you with it soon.,I feel that it can do a lot of good among the brotherhood,if we can get them to realize it. Those who contributed to it are:Bro.A.C.Stark.,Bro.J.H.Smith.,Bro.Homer Briant.,and myself. I will write some articles for the paper if you want them,also bro. Stark will write some,and I am sure my son J.D.Logan will be glad to do the same. Hoping you all the best of luck in getting the paper over. I remain your bro.in Christ,as ever. F.H.Logan. Thank you Bro.Logan.,and thank you Brethren Stark, Smith and Briant for your assistance.,and I welcome you to write articles for publication.
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A good letter from Bro.Willie Doan of Broken Bow,Okla.

We quote from the letter, "Dear Bro.Morse: I just got your letter and "Thus Saith The Lord" I sure like it,and I am glad you have a paper started,I think it is a wonderful paper. I am sending you an article entitled "The Duty Of A Christian". We go to church at Timer about 5 miles east of Broken Bow,and we meet in an old community house. There is a small group of us,Bro.W.E.Daniels,and Bro.Lloyd Treat are the preachers. I will close for this time. You keep up the good work and I will send you some money,if the Lord wills,some time soon. As ever,Yours in Christ. Willie Doan. Thank you Bro.Doan for your kind words,and manuscript entitled "The Duty Of a Christian" Look for your article in Thus Saith The Lord,soon. The editor.....

Dear Brethren: Once more the editor & publisher of "Thus Saith The Lord" declares his stand AGAINST all innovations,and against ALL innovating brethren,bar none. We will not fellowship hobby riders, bar none. Brethren,with your assistance,we will bar all hobby riders from every congregations pulpit. Brethren, stand up for Christ and keep inventions OUT. Disfellowship all known hobby riders,and their pet inventions. Evangelist.James S.L.Morse. Hammon,Okla. Rt.2.....

FELLOWSHIP.

Fellowship according to the N.T. Greek is:Koinonia.,meaning:Participation,communion,fellowship. Koinonia is used in I Cor.I0:I6.,2 Cor. I3:I3.,I John I:3,6,7.. Then used as a contribution in Rom.I5:26; Heb I3:I6. The text,I Cor.I0:I6;Greek N.T. "To poterion tes eulogias o eulogoumen ouchi koinonia tou aimatos tou Christou estin ton arton on klomen ouchi koinonia tou aomatos tou Christou estin" Translation in English is: "The cup of blessing which we bless is it not fellowship of the blood of the Christ? The bread which we break,is it not fellowship of the body of Christ? Because we the many are ONE LOAF, ONE BODY;for we all partake of the one loaf" Then if we enjoy the fellowship of the body and blood of Christ,we must be present when the Lord's Supper is served in commeration of his death. I Cor.II:20 "Coming together therefour ye into ONE place,it is not(the)Lord's supper to eat.2I.For each one his own supper takes first in eating, and one is hungry and another is drunken. 22. For houses have ye not for eating and drinking? Or the assembly of God do ye despise,and put to shame them that have not? What to you should I say? Shall I praise you in this? I do not praise. Exegesis. We are not to all come into one place(assembly) to make a common meal of the Lord's Supper,neither are we to preceed the Lord's Supper with the Agape-love feast,or Club feast in the assembly. Paul says:We have houses to eat(our common meals,and feasts in) and we have houses to do our common drinking in. Therefore do not do those things in the ekklesia--assembly of God... In the Agape,the wealthy take their supper with them and eat it,thus shaming the poor who could not bring a meal with them. The fellowship that we all must participate in is the communion of the body and the blood of Christ. How? I Cor.II:23-26. "And having given thanks, he broke it(bread) and said,take,eat,this of me is the body which for you (is)being broken;this do in remembrance of me. In like manner also the cup,after having supped,saying this cup the new covenant is in my blood:this do,as often as ye may eat this bread,and this cup may drink,the death of the Lord ye announce,until he may come" Then when we assemble on the first of the week,we come together in one place to break bread (One Loaf) and to drink the cup (ONE cup). We break and eat the loaf in remembrance of Christ,discerning his body broken for us ,showing forth his death until he may come again. We drink the cup in like manner,announcing the death of the Lord until he may come. We believe, in order to have proper fellowship(scriptural) joint participation,communion with the Lord,and with each other. We the body of Christ must be assembled in one place to observe the Lord's Supper. It is our solemn duty to be present and to jointly participate in the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Now how can we jointly participate in this fellowship if we have gone fishing on the Lord's Day morning? We Can't,because we have no command,example nor precept to leave the table set to accomadate anyone. Neither is there any command,example or precept to set the table the 2nd time to accomadate those who forsook the assembly. Brethren,you cannot read two communions in God's Word,therefore it is not of faith. The hobby riders claim that they leave the table set "just as a favor" That doctrine is like the sectarian doctrine--- If a man in the armed forces is converted,and if there is no water to baptize him in,then according to their doctrine,God will set aside baptism and save him in his sins,as a favor. Then according to some brethren,God will set aside his command to assemble in one place to partake of the communion,just as a favor.. Continued on page 4.....

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We are commanded to forsake NOT the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is. Heb.I0:25. Also, "For if we sin wilfully, after that we have received the knowledge of the truth,there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins" Verse 26. If we are providentially prevented from assembling on the A.M.,God will forgive us.,so then we need not worry. But,If we can assemble and do not do it,we're lost. The matter of fellowship goes further than observance of the Lord's Supper. We must fellowship each other in song. "Speaking to EACH OTHER in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs singing and praiging with your hearts to the Lord" (Eph.5:I9) "The word of Christ let dwell in you richly,in all wisdom;teaching and admonishing EACH OTHER in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with grace singing in your heart to the Lord" (Col.3:I6) Joint participation is required for fellowship and communion in the song service. There is prayer. Sure, One man LEADS,but do you not join in silent prayer? How can you have fellowship in that prayer,when you have forsaken the assembly? I Tim.2:I,2. "I exhort therefore first of all,to be made supplications ,intercessions,thanksgivings for all men;for kings and all that in dignity are,that a tranquil life we may lead in all piety and gravity. Now brethren, if we absent ourselves from the assembly,how can we jointly participate in giving of our means into the Lord's treasury? True, we give from our own pocket or bank account,but when we assemble together and give,it is in a sense joint participation and fellowship When we all take part in giving for a common cause,that is participation,fellowship and communion,one with another. Let us remember that fellowship does not end there. Do we appreciate each others company in the assembly? And do we extend the right hand of fellowship ship? If not,why not? The Christian fellowship extends beyond the four walls of our meeting house,and we ought to welcome each other into our homes,also this fellowship must extend to our brethren and sisters of other congregations of the Lord's Church. The scripture says "One another's burdens bear ye,and thus fulfil the law of Christ" Gal 6:2. Fellowship includes our support of gospel meetings by being present,and participating in the song service,and in prayer. Be ready to do all within our power,within scriptural limitations. Fellowship activities are not limited to the meeting house,but we should become masters in the art of fellowshipping each other in word,deed and thought. True fellowship includes a cooperative spirit, a willing mind,and a zeal to help our brethren in scriptural things. The love of God in our hearts,and brotherly love for each other,is the chief element to be found in fellowship,participation and communion. Let me give you one example of fellowship that is being extended to myself. Our brethren half way across the nation,plus those a great deal closer,are extending fellowship with cash assistance to keep "Thus Saith The Lord" in print,others are writing articles to publish and many have written encouragement. That my brethren,is fellowship participation,communion,and COOPERATION. We might say that fellowship is the love of God manifested in us to our brethren & sisters in Christ. Paul said:"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; being confident of this very thing,that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" Phil I:3,-6... Your Brother in Christ. Evangelist. James S.L.Morse.

PAGE 5. THE LORD'S SUPPER*BREAKING OF BREAD*THE COMMUNION.
BY BRO.J.H.LACKEY, SPRINGFIELD,COLORADO.

ACTS 20:7 Upon the first (day)of the week when the disciples came together to break bread,Paul preached unto them. Acts 2:42-And they continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine,and fellowship,and in breaking of bread,and in prayers. I Cor I0:I6.The cup of blessing,which we bless,is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? I Cor.II:20.Paul rebuking the Corinthians-When ye come together into one place,this is not to eat the Lord's Supper-Then he tells them the way they are doing,then in verses 23-26 He tells them how Christ authorized keeping the Lord's supper. For I have received of the Lord that which I also delivered unto you,That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread.24.And when he had given thanks,he brake it, and said,take,eat,this is my body,which is broken for you:this do in remembrance of me.25.After the same manner also,he took the cup,when he had supped,saying,this cup is the new testament in my blood:this do ye,as oft as ye drink it,in remembrance of me. For as oft as ye eat this bread and drink this cup,ye do shew the Lord's death til he come. There is a penalty for partaking of the Lord's Supper unworthily.I Co. II:27.Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread,and drink this cup of the Lord,unworthily shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. "28.But let a man examine himself,and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily,eateth and drinketh damnation to himself,not discerning the Lord's body.Therefore as we eat this bread & drink the cup,we should(in spirit)be at the cross,beholding the suffering and death of our Saviour. There is also guilt of seriousness for the one who forsakes the assembly.Heb. I0:25.Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is;but exhorting one another;and so much the more,as we see the day approaching.26.For if we sin wilfully after that we have received a knowledge of the truth,there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,but a certain looking for of judgment and firey indignation, which shall devour the adversarys.He that despised Moses law died without mercy under two or 3 witnesses.29.How much sorer punishment,supp ose ye,shall he be thought worthy,who has trodden under foot the Son of God,and hath counted the blood of the covenant,wherewith he was san ctified,an unholy thing,and done despite unto the spirit of grace. We learn from the above scriptures,that a person who eats and drinks unworthily,eateth and drinketh damnation to himself.-Shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. And if he forsakes the assembly, "He is treading under foot the Son of God-Counted the blood of the cov enant an unholy thing,and done despite to the Spirit of grace".Can a person commit a greater sin than treading under foot the Son of God? Guilty of the body and blood of the Lord?. Did the ones who crucified the Son of God do any worse than that? Brethren,Let us be more care ful when we come to the Lord's table. Let us use the scriptures that are recorded in the word of God,when we serve the Lord's supper-break bread. Meet to break bread-"Shew the Lord's death til he comes" But dont"meet to partake of the emblems" Study to shew thyself approv ed unto God,a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,rightly dividing the word of truth. Contend earnestly for the faith once delivered unto the saints. Let the words of Christ dwell in you in all wisdom,teach ing and admonishing one another.-Avoid foolish and unlearned questions and strife of words. And the God of peace be with you.....
Thank you Bro.Lackey., Write again.. The editor.....

PAGE 6. We have a good letter fron Bro.S.E.Stout of Eola,Texas. Bro.
Bro.Stout says .that he is nearly blind,but has had one eye doctored and has some vision,but at that time he had not received his glasses. Bro.Stout, I hope that you have received your glasses and that you can see good. Thank you for writing,and let us hear from you again.

Crosbyton Texas News. Bro.R.H.Peel writes that he moved from Floydada to Crosbyton,and that he enjoys reading "Thus Saith The Lord Bro.Peel says that 3 members of the church meets in Crosbyton,and he has offered his assistance to help with the paper. Thank you,write again.- - - West Sacramento,Calif News. Bro.J.S.Bedingfield writes: That he dosent want to miss a copy of "Thus Saith The Lord",and he sent us one dollar to support the paper...

California Creek -Church News. By Bro.J.W.Bedingfield.
Dear Bro. in Christ: You must be the busiest man in Okla.,with the editing,the printing,the correspondance and the personal work that you are doing. Now for a little news. On March 29th, we had a splen did croud at California Creek. Bro.& Sis.Ray Bishop were hosts to a reunion to all their children. Sons and daughters and their families They came from many parts of the state,and they all came to church, 43 of them altogether,not counting Bro.Ray and his wife. In addition to the other members,this made up a fine croud at church. We had won derful singing,and a bountiful dinner after the service. This was on a 5th Sunday,so it was my pleasure to grt to preach to this fine cro ud. We enjoyed the fellowship and association with this fine Christ- ian family more than words can tell. Last Sunday April 5th, Bro & Sis.Jack Scott & family worshipped with us and spent the afternoon in our home. The Scott's are my kinsmen,as well as longstanding mem bers of the church,and we always rejoice to be with them. We were glad to learn also that all was well with the faithful at Abilene, who meet regularly at3751 Clinton Street.,Abilene,Texas. All visitor s will receive a cordial welcome,and find a scriptural worship there. I have word from Lorenzo,Texas., that Bro.Jack White of Munday,Texas preaches at Lorenzo every forth Sunday. Bro.White is another faith- ful and capable preacher..... I go back to Dallas for further treat ment next week. As ever,Yours in Christ. J.W.Bedingfield. Thank you Bro.Bedingfield for the news & welcome letter. We regret your ill- ness forces you back to the clinic,and we hope that your health soon returns to normal. The editor..

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Colter News.
Sunday I2th. No visitors. Bro.Ike Peterson was not able to assemble with us. No news reported. Lord's Day April I9th. Our visitors were Sis.Patricia Massey of Clinton,Okla.,and Mr.Richard Dunlap of Colter community. Our attendance was low. Bro.Ike Peterson was un- able to attend the service. I believe that Bro.& Sis.E.A.Clifft are visiting out of state. Bro. & Sis.Claude Allison were present,after a long absence. The church at Colter donated $5.00 to support "Thus Saith The Lord". Thank you Brethren, your assistance is appreciated. We've had several rains and some hail,but no damage reported.
REYDAN The ~~Colter~~-Church of Christ welcomes visitors. Come worship with us. Roundup the young'un,pa & ma,granpa & granma.,and every body come over to a good old fashioned church of Christ worship service. There is room for all,so come on and worship like the book says.....

 "The eldership and who qualifies. (Concluded)

Those children must be faithful (believing)children,NOT babes,Not below the age of accountability. Proof. Titus I:6. To make a long story if a man lacks even one qualification,he does not qualify for- (Short) the eldership. The work of the elders includes:Teaching,exhortation, convicting the gainsayers of sin & putting them to silence. The elders are the located leaders of the flock,and they are the overseers. They must feed the flock of God. Acts 20:28 "Take heed therefore unto your selves,and to all the flock,over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers,to feed the church of God,which he hath purchased with his own blood". I Peter 5:I-3 "The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder,and a witness of the sufferings of Christ,and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:Feed the flock of God which is among you,taking the oversight thereof,not by constraint, but willingly,not for filthy lucre,but of a ready mind;neither as being lords over God's heritage,but ensamples to the flock". In I Tim.5:I Paul told Timothy, Rebuke not an elder,but entreat him as a father..." Does Paul make any exception to that statement? Yes. I Tim.5:I9,20. Paul said:"Against an elder receive not an accusation,but before 2 or 3 witnesses. Them that sin rebuke before all,that others also may fear Yes,Brethren,an evangelist has the authority to rebuke elders publicly and in that way the evangelist has more authority than the elders. The evangelist has the authority to ordain elders. Titus I:4,5. To Titus mine own son after the common faith:grace,mercy,and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour. For this cause left I thee in Crete,that thou shouldst set in order the things that are wanting,and ordain elders in every city,as I had appointed thee" Those in the eldership who do not meet all of the qualifications. Ist. They claim to qualify,thus they are falsifiers. 2nd.They are imposters. 3rd. They are hypocrites,for they claim to be following bible doctrine. It is nothing unusual to fimd one or more of those IMPOSTERS,FALSIFIERS and HYPOCRITES in many digressive congregations. The once qualified elders who will let an IMPOSTER be ordained into the eldership,are no better than the imposter. They have God's word setting forth the qualifications of elders,and they are GUILTY OF SIN when they boost an unqualified man into the eldership. One thing I've noticed, the digressives will read the text dealing with the qualifications of elders, but they are very careful to NOT harp on the qualifications that their IMPOSTERS CANNOT QUALIFY ON. Those are carefully IGNORED AND BIPASSED during their preaching on the qualifications for the eldership. SIN.

Their sinful habit of putting the one child man,and the childless man into the eldership,raises a stench into high heaven. The same remarks apply to the men who have several children,yet have only one believing child. Some digressives favor putting a bachelor in the eldership.... "If any be blameless,the husband of one wife,having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly" Titus I:6. Now boys why not be real generous and ordain some old maids.,and some of your "aged women" who are still damp behind the ears,into the eldership?? If the honest men and women in the digressive church will cease to let sentiment and affection bind them to false teachers,and if they will wake up and let the love of truth reign in their hearts,they will come out of the digressive church by the hundreds.. When honest men and women learn to love the bible truth more than they love their innovating friends,they will come out of the digressives. James S.L.Morse. Hammon,Okla.Rt 2

We have a letter from Bro.James F.Brown.,which we quote verbatim.
Dear Bro.Morse:
The Church of Christ located 6 miles south east of Stilwell,in the Honey Hill Community,is sending $5.00 to help support the gospel paper "Thus Saith The Lord". We enjoy reading it very much. We are very glad to know there are good gospel papers like those which stand for the truth going forth. We will keep on helping to support the paper and hope that you will have sufficient funds from the brotherhood for its support. There is only a small congregation here of about 17 members. My uncle S.S.Brown,and myself James F.Brown do the preaching here on the Lord'S Day. My bro-in-law Simmie Boen from Lubbock,Tex. has moved down recently,close enough to where he can meet with us each Lord's Day,he is beginning to give good lessons altho young in the faith. We would like to have about 8 copies of the paper to hand out each month,if you have them to spare. Our prayers are that the paper will grow and that much good will be done through it. May we all work harder in the future,than we have in the past toward the upbuilding of Christ and his Church,while it is called day, for the night cometh when no man can work. You may use any part of this letter in your publication,if you see fit. May the Lord bless you and all the brotherhood. Yours in Christ. James F.Brown..
Thank you Bro.Brown. We enjoyed your good letter and we certainly appreciate the congregational support. Thank you Brethren.

News From Broken Bow,Okla.

Bro.W.E.Daniels writes: Dear Bro.Morse: As you know I have been receiving "Thus Saith The Lord" and I am glad to know prospects are good as they are for getting out a paper,so the churches and brethren can keep in touch with each other. In that way we can know who is who and where he is and what he stands for. I am well acquainted with both J.W. & J.S.Bedingfield. I have worked with both of them in the Lord's vinyard. I am also acquainted with Bro. & Sis.Atchley of Elk City.,I have preached there a number of times,and have met the Brethren at Colter once. I have known Bro.F.H.Logan from our young days. I did some writing to It Is Written when it was being printed and learned that some of our articles had good results,for which I am thankful,and it proves to me that good can be done through the pages of a paper. Since I try to do some preaching,I can understand what you meant,when you spoke of the churches making preparation for their meeting,and I am convinced in my own mind that our meetings are closed to soon. Most of us who try to preach,after we once get there,could stay two or even three weeks just as easy as one week,if we could only know it before hand. The church with which I worship meets at the Tiner community house,about 6 miles east of Broken Bow,on Hiway 70. We are doing as well as could be expected. Anyone pasing through these parts is welcome to worship with us,and we assure you all services will be a "Thus saith the Lord". Anytime you deem the support sufficient to put them out,I will send you a bunch of names to send the paper to. I might also send you an article occasionally,if you thought it appropiate to do so. So here is hoping you a big success with "Thus Saith The Lord" May God bless all of us to know and do his will,is my prayers. Yours in Christ. W.E.Daniels. Thank you Bro.Daniels.