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Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Psalms 60:4

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Tour group at Lazarus' Tomb at Bethany in Israel, Saturday, November 4, 1972.

Winners Never Quit!! Quitters Never Win!!

By Kenneth W. Massey
Bowling Green, Ky.

"... and he that winneth souls is wise."
Proverbs 11:30b

Some have deserted the ranks of the truthbearers for another man's wife, a bottle of Satanic spirits, to seek wealth and fame, and many other sinful whims, but a quitter never achieves his objective. As the text so vividly states — HE THAT WINNETH SOULS IS WISE. We may win wars over other nations, or friends by the score, but to lead a soul from darkness to light must be the greatest victory on earth.

What has become of our burdens for sinners?

I am not setting myself up as an

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The Christian Pathway

By Rex Hunt
Austin, Ky.

A Christian is one who is Christ like. To become a Christian one must be born again, be a new creature in Christ Jesus. "Being born again, not of corruptible seed but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." I Peter 1:23.

In the remainder of the journey of life from our salvation, we should expect to experience, to some degree, the trials our saviour did. Jesus said, "If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my sayings, they

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Editor Reports On Third Tour Of Bible Lands

By H. C. Vanderpool

(This is the fourth article in a series of reports on our third tour of Bible Lands. Five days — Oct. 30 — Nov. 3, 1972 — have already been reported on in previous issues. — Editor).

Saturday, Nov. 4, 1972 — After spending another night on board the Greek ship in the harbor at Haifa, we were up early, dressed and having another continental breakfast, we began another day in the Holy Land. Boarding our buses we travel south by the Mediterranean Sea to

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will keep your's also." John 15:20b.

A saved person is a two-fold being of conflicting natures. The inward man "which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." Eph. 4:24b. The outward man as described in Rom. 7:18a, "For I know that in me (that is in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing."

We are admonished in Gal. 5:16-17, "This I say, walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would." "There is, therefore, now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Rom. 8:1.

When one becomes a new creature in Christ Jesus he should be careful that his steps are ordered by the Lord, as the Apostle Paul plainly tells us in Gal. 5:24-26, "and they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain glory provoking one another, envying one another."

If we are to accomplish the purpose the Lord has for us we must heed the statements found in Phil. 2:5-7, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God. But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men."

When one desires or leaves the impression that he desires to dominate others, it creates friction and destroys the spiritual fellowship which is so essential to our labouring together with God. We are not to

be lords over God's heritage.

The flesh has a tendency to desire vain glory and provoke and envy others. If we live after the Spirit the mind of Christ will dominate our lives. We then can truly bear one another's burdens and fulfill the law of Christ. Jesus rebuked the disciples for striving about who should be accounted the greatest, and said the one that serves should be accounted chief. When the mind of Christ controls our lives, we are willing to acknowledge by word and deed that he is our master and we desire his worthy name to be exalted among men to the glory of God the Father.

When we become carnally minded there is a desire for personal glory and envy of anyone who may enjoy a close fellowship with their brethren and sisters. Some are moved with so great envy as to try to destroy those they envy.

Our Lord warned us as what to expect when he said, "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves," Matt. 10:16. We are taught to refrain from violence, but remain on guard. We are to earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. Our goal should always be as stated II John 2, "For the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us forever." We should never yield to temptation to receive a personal benefit while we pretend to be labouring for the truth's sake.

We should never compromise the truth as Pro. 23:23a states, "Buy the truth and sell it not." However, we should never abuse others as stated in I Cor. 10:31-32, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. Give none offence neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God."

We are warned to be careful to speak the truth, "Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another. Eph. 4:25. Some think that a statement of true facts is always the truth. However, if we willingly leave off part of the facts or state them in a manner to be misleading and create a false impression it constitutes a lie.

It has been said that in our journey of life we should give as much road as we take. It would be much safer if each of us would allow the other person sixty percent of the road, there would be fewer personal collisions. We need to make this allowance to compensate for the tendency to judge in our own favor. "But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." Pro. 4:18.

REVIVAL

A revival is to begin at the Mountain View Baptist Church, Cullman, Alabama, on Sunday night, April 15. Pastor W. O. Engle is to be assisted by Elder Kenneth W. Massey of Bowling Green, Kentucky. Anyone having friends and relatives living in this area are asked to invite them to these services. The public is invited.

**Missionary Report
From Israel**

Financial Report for Third Quarter of 1972

JULY — Long Fork Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn., \$153.90; Russell Springs Baptist, Russell Springs, Ky., \$50.00; Shiloh Baptist, Chicago, Ill., \$20.00; McFerrin Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., \$127.49; Lafayette Baptist, Lafayette, Tenn., \$71.75; Old Union Baptist, Bowling Green, Ky., \$79.50; Bro. B. D. Carter, Lafayette, Tenn., \$20.00; First Baptist Church, Science Hill, Ky., \$25.00. TOTAL, \$547.64.

AUGUST — McFerrin Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., \$396.19; Parkwood Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., \$19.47; Fairview Baptist, Woodburn, Ky., \$40.00; Lyons Baptist, Louisville, Ky., \$150.00; Salem Baptist, Russell Springs, Ky., \$155.66; Shiloh Baptist, Chicago, Ill., \$20.00; Jordan Baptist, Oak Lawn, Ill., \$35.00; Harmony Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., \$25.00; Bro. B. D. Carter, Lafayette, Tenn., \$20.00; Almstead Baptist, Almstead, Ky., \$60.00; Fairview Memorial Baptist, Bowling Green, Ky., \$87.07; Calvary Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., \$50.00; Mt. Tabor Baptist, Pleasant Shade, Tenn., \$44.50. TOTAL, \$1,102.69.

SEPTEMBER — Jordan Baptist Church, Oak Lawn, Ill., \$35.00; Mt. Zion Baptist, Holland, Ky., \$98.63; New Macedonia Baptist, Chestnut Mound, Tenn., \$59.18; West End Baptist, Gallatin, Tenn., \$144.65; Shiloh Baptist, Chicago, Ill., \$20.00; East Side Baptist, Franklin, Ky., \$100.00; Hendersonville Baptist, Hendersonville, Tenn., \$119.53; Fairview Baptist, Woodburn, Ky., \$40.00; Mt. Tabor Baptist, Pleasant Shade, Tenn., \$14.61; Dixon Creek Baptist, Dixon Springs, Tenn., \$89.35; Bro. B. D. Carter, Lafayette, Tenn., \$20.00; Fellowship Baptist, Indianapolis, Ind., \$450.00; Drakes Creek Baptist, Franklin, Ky., \$115.83; McFerrin Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., \$135.54; Faith Baptist, Roseville, Mich., \$100.00. TOTAL, \$1,542.29.

All of the offerings listed above were recorded in the month in which they were received, and if I haven't overlooked any, I have acknowledged each offering with a letter to each individual church. But I am human and certainly can make mistakes, and if I have, I would appreciate you telling me.

We thank you again and pray that the Lord will bless you.

Sincerely in His service,
Henry and Annie Laura Smith

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Quitters Never Win ! Life In Christ Jesus Is Everlasting

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authority on this matter, for no one but God can surely know the exact and individual cause of spiritual recession. During the past two decades, I have witnessed a departure of soul winners from our churches to join arms with the "Formalists". Well, Paul said, "that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." (1 Timothy 4:1) Satan has robbed other soul winners of their influence, and they now occupy the back pew, if they come at all. Satan will tell a person, that you can do this or do that, then apologize to the church and be right back where you were. He's telling you another LIE, for you will never have the influence you once had. And, last but not least, sometimes it appears evident that we want to lead God rather than following him. "If any man will come after me (Jesus), let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." (Matthew 16:24) Now, have you ever heard anyone say "my burden is gone for so-and-so"? Perhaps, that individual has been to the altar a number of times, and yet fails to testify to the saving grace of God. Remember, we are not the Saviour. This kind of quitting hinders a sinner and makes me wonder, if we ever really had a burden at all or just an anxious anticipation of their salvation. **QUITTERS NEVER WIN!**

"He that goeth forth and weepeth (burden-bearing), bearing precious seed the gospel of truth, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves (fruitbearers) with him." (Psalms 126:6)

Wisdom is not knowledge; but we must be knowledgeable of the Spirit to rightly exercise our gifts in service for the Lord. That's a soul-winner; soul winning is wise.

So, as we swiftly approach another revival season; let's, you and I, ask the Lord to show us our place, give us a heavy burden, and sustain us until we have heard some sinner joyfully say, "The Lord Has Saved My Soul". To me, this is the greatest reward of my journey here, and that's **VICTORY.**

Deadline For Announcements

The editor requests of each minister, individual or church that has an article, revival announcement or other item for publication, to mail it so I will receive it by the 15th of the month preceding the month of publication.

By James H. Smith
Jerusalem, Israel

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on Him." John 3:36.

There is nothing in this great statement of Scripture that is in the least hard to understand; for it is clearly stated as to what kind of life the believer has. It is not the kind that endures for a while and then come to an end. In fact, if it were to come to an end it wouldn't be everlasting life; everlasting means enduring forever, indefinitely, without end.

I believe that this life in Christ Jesus can be further clarified when contrasted with our natural life, which, of course, is not eternal. When we were born into this world our parents didn't give us everlasting life; we are born to die. As Job said, "Man that is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower and is cut down; he fleeth also like a shadow, and continueth not." Job 14:1-2. But the real believer in Jesus Christ is born again, and unlike the natural birth he is born of an incorruptible seed, as we find in Peter, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but incorruptible by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever." 1 Peter 1:23.

Everlasting Life Means Eternal Security

There is nothing in this material world than can give us absolute security, and any man who trusts in material wealth for his safety and well being is classified in the Scriptures as a fool. (Luke 16:20) This fact has proven out in human history over and over again, for all of us have seen examples of just how foolish it is to bank on worldly riches. Back in the thirties when the stock market crashed in the United States there were men of great wealth who became paupers overnight; they lost their fortunes, and some of them, as a result, lost their minds. If what a man has of a material nature doesn't pass from him while he lives, it will certainly pass from him to somebody else when he dies, and it will be nothing to give him aid and comfort when he is passing over the Great Divide. So it is a settled fact that man must look beyond this world in order to find blessed security. Where?

The Word of God is the only source of information that we have as regards to how and where we can find eternal security. Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all, and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand." John 10:27-29. Now, Jesus says that my sheep shall never perish, but many people will tell you that it is possible for one of His to perish; but it is

their word against His. Which should we believe? It is much safer to take His blessed Word.

Jesus Christ is the Rock of Eternal Ages, and those who have their feet on this Rock will never sink down into eternal night, but he shall weather the storm, and one day, thank the Lord, be at home with Jesus! "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent Word! What more can He say than to you He hath said, You who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?"

Everlasting Life A Basis For Rejoicing

The very thought that we have eternal life, and that we are eternally secure in Jesus Christ, having been redeemed by His precious blood, causes my heart to rejoice. I can't believe that a Christian who thinks that he can be saved today and lost tomorrow is a happy person; and there are many such persons in the world, some of them can actually give an experience of salvation; but when they are not on the house top in their fellowship with the Lord, they are fearful and doubtful, and even arguing with others that one can lose their salvation. This is due primarily to what they have been taught, or the lack of having been taught. In any event, they can become very miserable, and in this state they are being cheated out of great blessings from the Lord. The devil would like nothing better than to keep one of God's children in such a miserable condition, because as long as the person is in that state he can't serve the Lord very well.

The Lord wants His people to be happy and rejoice and not be letting Satan and the world cheat us out of the joy that we can have. So in order for us to have this joy, we must believe His precious promises; and He has promised that our life will never end, that we are eternally secure by having committed our all to Him. He is certainly able to keep that which we have committed unto Him, just like Paul said in II Timothy 1:12: "For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." Yes, it is a joy to know that we are in such good hands, and that He will hold on to us. Some people think we are just holding on, but the Bible truth is, we are being eternally held.



Judge's Advice: Teach Your Children the Right Things & Pray

By JACK KELLEY

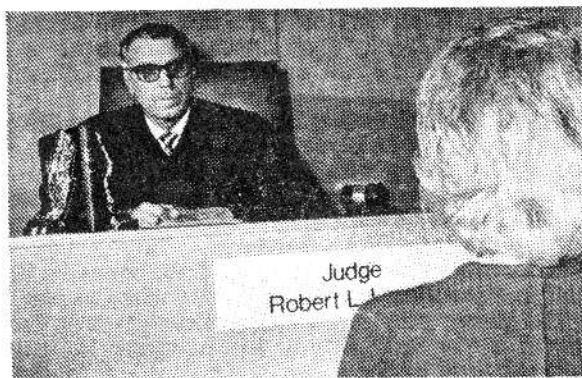
"This is without a doubt the most difficult time in the history of mankind to raise a child," says a Texas judge who believes in the value of prayer in keeping youngsters out of his juvenile court.

"The constant exposure of today's children to violence on TV, radio and in the movies, breeds violence among them," said Juvenile Court Judge Robert Lee Lowry, 54, of Houston, Tex.

"In 1966 — during my first year as a juvenile court judge — I handled just seven narcotics cases. But today it's not unusual for me to have five or six each day.

"The best way to keep children out of this kind of trouble is to teach them the right things — and pray."

And prayer, in this day and age,



JUDGE Robert L. Lowry gives woman advice in his courtroom.

might be the most important ingredient of all, he said.

"If children are brought up to accept a church as part of a right way of life during their young and tender years, they are less likely to go astray later.

"Often it's difficult to take children to church and Sunday school," he said. "But parents can't duck church attendance themselves and then expect their children to want to go. The children's reaction may be: 'You don't practice what you preach.'"

Judge Lowry said that any plan to bring children up so they'll stay out of trouble has to include some old-fashioned discipline.

"I believe in the application of a good spanking when necessary.

"A child who receives fair punishment respects his parents more than he would if he were not spanked.

"Of course, children never believe it when we tell them, 'This hurts me more than it does you.' But later in life they'll understand.

"In court we do what we can to help today's youngsters. But the problem is as great as it is because many modern parents simply won't take the time and effort to properly discipline their children."—**Enquire**

Editor Reports On Tour

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Caesarea, then east to Nablus (Shechem) where Jacob's Well is. This place was also called Sychar, John 4:5-6. It was here that Jesus met the woman of Samaria and according to the fourth chapter of John, Jesus preached unto her and she was saved. We drank from Jacob's Well and then made our way back to the main road and then headed for Jericho. Coming into and leaving Nablus you can view Mt. Ebal and Mt. Gerizim, Deu. 27:12-13.

As we drove from Nablus across some hills and then southeast through a valley toward Jericho we saw several places with many acres of land where crops are now growing and many orchards with fruit trees spreading across the country. Some of this land is that which Israel gained in the Six Day War of June, 1967. Much progress is being made in agriculture as well as manufacturing in Israel.

We arrived at Jericho and after visiting Elisha's Spring (II Kings 2:18-22) and viewing the Mt. of Temptation where Jesus went after his baptism, we ate our lunches and had some time of relaxation. We now travel on south to Qumran. The Dead Sea Scrolls were found in one of the caves here in 1947. They are now in a Museum.

After leaving this area on the west side of the Dead Sea we travelled to Bethany. Here we visited Lazarus' Tomb before driving through Jerusalem on our way to Bethlehem. We stopped on our way to Bethlehem and did some shopping. From this area we viewed the Fields of Boaz and the Shepherds Field. We spent some time in Bethlehem, sang some Christmas songs and then made our way back into Jerusalem.

We visited Calvary. Near here in a Garden is the Tomb where Jesus was buried and was resurrected. Here again are some places that brings deep thought and meditation. The feelings that are realized here cannot be explained, they have to be experienced.

On this night we were to stay in Jerusalem instead of going back to the ship. We went to Mt. Scopus Hotel. When we all had been assigned to our rooms my wife and I were across the hall from the room Bro. L. W. Smith and I had stayed in on our tour in March, 1969. I felt right at home.

After supper in the hotel, Bro. James H. Smith, who is a Missionary in Israel, came with his bus and took several of us to his and Sister Smith's home. We had service there. We enjoyed Bro. Smith's message and the fellowship together. We then returned to our hotel for the night.

(To be continued)

Holy Land Tour

Anyone interested in a tour of the Holy Land and other Bible countries Oct. 15-24, 1973, may contact Elder H. C. Vanderpool, 1527 Glenrock Rd., Louisville, Ky. 40216. Phone: (502) 361-5786.

Or contact Elder Calvin Perrigo, 415 N. Berwick Ave., Indianapolis, Indiana 46222. Phone (317) 637-8694.

Full information can be received by writing or calling one of the above. Brochures mailes on request.

REVIVAL

A revival meeting is to begin on Friday night, April 6, at Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, 904 Gagel Ave., Louisville, Ky.

Pastor H. C. Vanderpool is to be assisted by Elder Dexter Bacon, Jr., of Glasgow, Ky. Local talent will be in charge of the singing and music.

Services each night at 7:30 P. M. (EST) Everyone is invited to attend. If you have relatives or friends living in the Louisville area please write or call them and invite them to this meeting

Country Parson



"A preacher must be more interested in doing a job than in keeping one."

Louisville Courier Journal