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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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Dear Brethren and Sisters:

On the third Saturday afternoon in November, 1951, I came to Old Union church to begin my pastorate with you for which I had been called. It was a cold winter day. I was young in the ministry and had pastored only one church in addition to mission work. I knew not what the future held. I worked with you as I preached at other churches until 1957, then you voted to go full-time and I moved on the field with my family.

After nine years with you I resigned, feeling it would be best for the church and later that year - 1960 - I was called to a pastorate at Akron, Ohio. I enjoyed two years there with the

church. You called me again to your pastorate, and I moved back to Bowling Green and began my labors again with you the first of January, 1963.

In January, 1971 - approximately two decades after I first began my ministry with you - I resigned and accepted the pastorate of Lyons Missionary Baptist Church here in Louisville, Ky. Taking under consideration the two years of absence, however, I was with you those two years in your revival meetings, I was in my 18th year as pastor.

I have many memories of these past years. Many things happened during these two past decades that will enrich my life and the life of my family as long as we shall live. Yes, we had our trials together. We had problems that had to be solved with the help of God. But the many wonderful experiences that we shared together far outweighs anything that might be classed hardships. We were able to see the old church building remodeled with the comforts of the times. The most important things that happened through those wonderful years was the witnessing of so many lost souls being

SHOULD A PREACHER BE REFERRED TO AS REVEREND?

By Pastor F. R. Bingham

The other day I received a communication from a brother who objected strongly to being addressed as "Rev. (so and so)" He said, "I am not a reverend." I have heard this objection for all the years of my ministry (35 of them), from various preachers, and almost as if it were sinful and blasphemous for a minister to use this title. The objection is always based on Psalm 111:9, where it said "...reverend is his name," meaning, of course, the Lord. And this would mean for anyone else to use this name is to appropriate unto himself the name of deity, with the identity of being God.

But just what does Psalm 111:9 mean?

Those preachers who object so strongly to using this title to identify a minister invariably say the word reverend occurs only this one time in the Bible. But Youngs Concordance shows us that the exact Hebrew word, "yare", that is

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saved. Two of those were our son and his wife. We enjoyed together in addition to those saved the following additions to the church: Letters, 192; Restorations, 3; Statements, 2; Baptisms, 203; Total additions, 400.

I've sat at the bedside of your loved ones who were ill. I've stood in the hospitals and witnessed the tears as they ran down the cheeks of many of you when there was serious illnesses or death. We've wept together as loved ones answered the heavenly call and they went forth from our midst. My family shared these experiences with me and with you. We made many trips to the cemetery in the past twenty years.

We've rejoiced together when word came at the hospital that a new son or daughter was born. I've seen those who were born in the beginning of my pastorate with you grow up, become accountable and get saved and then have the joy of going with you to Drakes Creek just below the old church for a service and there bury them in the water of baptism. I've stood at the old altar many times

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Alvin and Janice Vanderslik

Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Christian friends:

Kentucky is a beautiful state! I have enjoyed digging into the soil and planting flowers and just plain getting close to the earth.

On my initial "missionary journey" to Lexington the other day, I dug into some "spiritual soil." Let me share one of my calls with you.

My approach was this: "I'm Reverend Al Vanderslik, Director of the Louisville Friends of Israel. One of your customers suggested that the next time I came to Lexington I should get acquainted with you." We shook hands, and I added: "I'd like to show you some evidences from the Old Testament as to why Christians believe that Jesus is the Messiah. Can you spare five minutes?" Since he didn't say "no," I started in. The opening remarks of this young Jewish businessman made me think this was going to be a short visit. He referred me to his rabbi for "questions about religion," and I agreed

to see him. Then he said that his friend down the street would talk with me. But finally, after considerable small talk, he told me his story. Here it is:

Up to the age of ten he had taken a deep interest in the Jewish religion and had even seen himself as a rabbi in years to come. But one day when he wore his yarmulka (skull cap) to the dinner table, his father became angry about it. It was partly because of this incident that, after his Bar Mitzvah at the age of thirteen, he stopped going to the temple services. His first year at a school in Boston the other students called him all sorts of names because he was Jewish. He said he got into a good many fights that year, but the second year he joined in with the other fellows in whatever they did. When he went back to his home in Lexington, he went into business. And now he says he views the Bible simply as the product of wise men who, for the benefit of society, thought up the idea of a God.

For my reply I borrowed an excellent illustration from the Christian Business Men's magazine *Contact*, which clearly shows that the Old Testament prophets had to be supernaturally controlled to predict events so many hundreds of years in advance. Then I opened up a Hebrew Bible translated into English and read out of Micah 5:2 where the prophet forecast that Bethlehem would be the birthplace of a future ruler of Israel. My Jewish contact said: "He could be talking about David there." My answer was "This prophecy was after David's decease." An interruption came in the person of a customer. When my Jewish friend returned, I had the Bible open to two

places: Isaiah 53 and Daniel 9:26, where I was led to make a play on a phrase that occurs in both references: "... He was cut off out of the land of the living" and "an anointed one shall be cut off." We got into a discussion about the identity of this person and especially about the context in Daniel, which shows that the Messiah had to come before Jerusalem and the Temple were destroyed in A.D. 70.

He asked me to stop in again when I would be in the city. So pray for the further conditioning of "the soil" of his heart.

Sincerely in Christ,
Alvin and Janice Vanderslik

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BIBLE SCHOOL TAUGHT AT GALLATIN, TENNESSEE

(The following report was received too late for publication sooner, for which I'm sorry. Most of the classes have already passed, but I'm printing them for the record. Elder F. L. Ray has been teaching the classes and continues to do so according to the following schedule at Longview Missionary Baptist Church in Gallatin, Tenn. Class time each Thursday is 7:00 p.m. — Editor).

Lesson No. 1 — Thursday night
January 7, 1971

The need of a Bible study, and how to study the Bible.

Thursday, January 14, 1971

The church that Jesus built.

Thursday, January 21, 1971

The establishing, or setting up organizing the church.

Thursday, January 28, 1971

The mission, Authority and work of the church.

Thursday, February 4, 1971

The state of the unbeliever, or lost. In this life, at death, in the resurrection and in eternity.

Thursday, February 11, 1971

The state of the believer or saved. In this life, at death, in the resurrection and in eternity.

Thursday, February 18, 1971

The one and only plan of salvation.

Thursday, February 25, 1971

The suffering of Christ for the Adam race.

Thursday, March 4, 1971

The need of a revival, and how to have a revival.

Thursday, March 11, 1971

Who can be saved, How to be saved, When are we saved and who is the Saviour?

Thursday, March 18, 1971

The duty of the saved.

Thursday, March 25, 1971

The security of the true believer.

WRITE TO EDITOR

I have moved to Louisville, Ky., where I have begun my pastorate of Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, 904 Gagel Avenue. My new address is 1527 Glenrock Road, Louisville, Ky. 40216. My new phone number is (502) 361-5786.

If you have loved ones or friends living in the Louisville area and would like for me to call or visit them and invite them to our services, call me or just write to me giving me their address. You might also write them too, asking them to attend our services. We would appreciate this very much and I know the Lord would be pleased.

In a few weeks, we will be having a revival meeting and we would appreciate your prayers for the church and especially the unsaved. The revival is to begin on Sunday night, April 11.

Send in your revival announcements early so they can be published in the Banner. Continue to send in articles for publication. — Editor.

NAZARETH



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SUNDAYS OPEN FOR VISITING MINISTERS

Elder Raymond Hargis is pastor of Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church at Washington, Illinois. He has informed me and asked that I announce that the fourth Sunday in each month is open to visiting ministers who would like to come and preach at Pleasant Valley Church.

Any preacher wanting to go and preach at this church on some fourth Sunday may write to Elder Raymond Hargis, 202 Claremont, East Peoria, Ill. 61611.

Son Talks To Dad

Dear Dad:

I am just a little fellow but I have been doing some thinking. Some day I will be a big man just like you. You are my ideal. I think you can do anything. I like to hear you talk and watch you walk, and see you drive the car. You are so strong and it seems like you know how to handle any situation. I am never afraid when you are around.

But, Dad, there is something that is bothering me a bit. I know that I am going to be like you, even tho I should try to be different. Now, I like to go to Sunday School and church. When I get a little older very likely I will not, because you do not go. I like to study the Bible now, but will I when I get as big as you? You do not. When I get big like you, Daddy, I want to go to church with my wife, but will I? You do not go very often. I am going to be like you.

Dad, I want to give thanks at the table for food, clothing, and the home God has given us, but do you reckon I will? You do not and you are my ideal.

And Daddy, I want to help my wife win others to Christ when I grow up and get married, and especially our children, but how can I? You think only of your work and paying for our house, and buying food and clothing. This is very nice of you, Daddy, but the Bible says, "Man shall not live by bread alone," and I know this is true because men are dying every day and leaving their farms, filling stations, grocery stores, jobs, offices—they are leaving their pretty homes behind and their saving accounts, too. Daddy, I am afraid you will not take time off from your work to go to heaven.

Anyway, Dad, I have enjoyed talking to you about these things. I do hope you will become a Christian sometime, so I can be the kind of man I want to be, and still be like you, too.

Love,
Your son

SHOULD A PREACHER BE REFERRED TO AS "REVEREND?"

here translated "reverend" is also found in Psalm 89:7 where it is said that He is to be had in reverence of all them that are about Him. The word is also used in Leviticus 19:30 and Leviticus 26:2.

In Psalm 111: it certainly does not mean that word "reverend" is a name for God by which He is to be called, or addressed. No one, either in scripture or out, in speaking to God calls Him Reverend. They address Him as God, or Father, or Jesus. He is addressed by the names Lord, Jehovah, and others in the Old Testament. He told Moses that His name was "I Am that I am." In the New Testament His name is Jesus. But nowhere, absolutely nowhere is it ever said "Thou Shalt call him Reverend" as if that were a name that only Deity should wear.

Psalm 111:9 simply means that His name, whatever it is by which He may be called, is to be revered, to be respected; it is not to be taken in vain; it is never to be used in any form of disrespect. From Bible teaching that He, and everything pertaining to Him is to be revered. His name is to be revered, His Word is to be revered; His House is to be revered; His day is to be revered. Even the Tithe is to be looked upon with reverence and proper respect for that is also Holy unto the Lord. Anything that is peculiarly holy unto the Lord is to be revered; and as such, it becomes a Reverend person or thing. And, inasmuch as Preachers are also Holy unto the Lord, and are to be respected, or revered as belonging to the Lord, they become a reverend person, by virtue of being the Lord's Prophet.

The title, "Reverend" as applied to preachers simply means that here is a person who is entirely devoted to the service of the Lord, and as such is entitled to the respect and reverence that should be shown to God's servants.

Among my friends and acquaintances and fellow Christians I prefer to be called "Brother Bingham." Some call me "Pastor, which office I bear at Jordan Baptist Church. Some call me "Preacher," which I am, and I don't mind at all being called preacher if it is not used in a disrespectful manner. None of my close associates, nor acquaintances, Among Christians call me "Reverend" except possibly one or two persons. But in dealing with the general public, the unchristian public, who do not know me, and even with some who are acquainted with me, the title "Reverend" instantly lets everyone know that I am a man, who, by virtue of being a minister of God's Gospel, is due to be treated with the respect and reverence that God demands for His Name,

His Day, His Word, His House, and His Prophets.

It is NOT unscriptural to use the title "Reverend" in applying it to a minister; after all it is only a title, not a name of a person.

Preachers could be called "Elder" but few people in the unchristian world would know what that means. Pastors may be called "bishop" for such they are but that could become objectionable in this day. Not every preacher could be called "Pastor" for some are not Pastors, but are evangelists, and would need to be "Evangelist" as some call themselves today. But all called and ordained preachers may easily be identified by this title which sets them forth as a Person who is to be revered and respected because of his devoted service to God.

I do not argue here that this title must be applied to ministers, and adopted and used. Neither do I plead that all use the title. I only argue that its use is not wrong, not unscriptural, not ungodly. And I simply plead that those who have been so strongly set against its use, based on Psalm 111:9, come to a clear understanding of that verse, and adopt a kinder and more charitable understanding in regard to those who do use the title for official identification.

But there have always been those who strain at gnats and swallow camels; who are pharisaically hyper-critical of others over little things of no real consequence after all; and I suppose there will always be such among us.

I believe that one of the most crying sins of this day, one sin that is doing more to wreck America, and the whole world; tearing up churches and causing them to die spiritually; the one sin that is basically back of the growing sin rate, is that people, in general, do not have the Respect and Reverence for God's Preachers, for men who preach the Word, and stand for Right and truth, that they ought to have. God's true preachers have been ridiculed in the movies, in the press, on radio and television, in peoples homes and in the hearts, until their effectiveness has been nullified. He preaches the truth, and people pay no attention, they just laugh at him. They do not regard him as God's mouthpiece, but look upon him as "just a man, like any other man," not to be respected any more than any other man, if as much.

If the time ever comes when people will once again have proper respect for

And preachers, by their life, by their testimony, and every means available must draw unto themselves that respect and reverence so sorely needed.

God's preachers, and will heed them and their message, then there may come about a revival of moral living, and spiritual religion.

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FORMER PASTOR WRITES

and listened to the vows of your sons and your daughters, and then pronounce them



husband and wife while praying God's richest blessings upon them as they began a new journey of life together.

My family and I appreciate the many, many things that you've done for us these past twenty years, your prayers, assistance in so many ways, your financial

help, your spiritual assistance and encouragement in so many ways and so often. Only God has a complete record of our lives together.

When I resigned in January of this year, only the Lord knew how I felt, but it was he who put the burden on my soul to move into another field of labor. We are all labors together with him. You have called me back for your revival in July, and the Lord willing, Alta and I will come to work with you again. We appreciate this call.

Since my resignation you have called Bro. Kenneth Massey, a fine young Baptist minister, to full-time work with you. As he moves on the field, work with him and love him and his family as you have us. Pray for him. Encourage him, and Alta and I pray God's richest blessings upon you all with him as you work together.

We have moved on the field here in Louisville and have already begun our work with Lyons Missionary Baptist Church. It is a church that desires to work and pray for the salvation of the lost, the edifying of the saved and the glory of God. We love them and appreciate the expressions of the love toward us that they have already shown. So, in closing this letter, may God ever bless you all, save your sons, daughters and also the fathers and mothers who need the Lord. Pray for us and the work that is before us here. One day our labors will be over, each of us will answer the call to come home, and then eternally and for ever we will rejoice together and with the Lord who died for our sins and made it all possible. Until we meet again I quote one of Paul's statements to the Corinthians, "Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you." II Cor. 13:11.

Yours in the Master's love,
H. C. Vanderpool