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"Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet." Isaiah 58:1

## The Wickedness of Tolerance

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# Editorial

If ever people needed a shelter from the storm, it is now, in our time. There is a jetstream of sin encircling the globe, making topsy-turvy the teeming multitudes not yet anchored in Jesus Christ.

To all you sinners of all stripes who are tossed by these winds – the sad, the oppressed; to those used up as cogs in the system of this world; to the proud intellectuals and those mesmerized and misguided by modern science; to those forced into a lonely virtual world through mass-media; to those made vain and empty by the money-hungry lords of Hollywood; and to the victims of false religions we say, “Come away!” Heed the voice of one that has found shelter and calm. Stop, look, listen. Is not enough, enough?

How long will you endure being empty, lonely, and depressed? How long will you permit the god of this world to keep you trapped in the course of this world? How long can you, the ones thinking you are mere tissue and atoms, face your days when you deem them to be of no purpose anyway? How long, people, will you press buttons and glare into screens while families fall apart and precious life and opportunities swiftly speed on by? I say again – Stop! Look! Listen! Were you born for that?

How long, precious ones, will you allow the movies and the media and the magazines to decide who you are, what you should look like, and who you should imitate? Are there not more noble attainments than such cheap tinsel, paint, and glitter?

And how long, dear religious souls, will you yet wander in the halls and dens of false religion, strangers to the presence and power of God? Know ye not that Ichabod is its name and that the wrath of the Almighty is upon her sinful and world-loving ways?

Hear, O hear, all of you sons of Adam – *you* are the ones who need shelter! Forsake all sin and the ways of death! Escape the course of this world and flee from the wrath to come! Jesus is the Door to the city of refuge, His blood and His great salvation your plea. Here, in His blessed fold, healing waters flow for broken hearts and lives. The family of God abides here, safe and blessed. You were meant to partake of this peace and joy, for Jesus Himself said that whosoever will may come! Tarry not at so great an offer! There is no greater place, no better life, and no greater joy than to be one with God and His people.

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# An Invitation to Our Readers

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Desperate times call for desperate measures.

Has there ever been such a time as this? The spiritual wickedness in high places has launched an all-out attack on purity, holiness, and the family. Society is in shambles.

- Men have been emasculated by radical feminists.
- Marriage, an institution established for thousands of years, has been redefined by judicial fiat.
- The family structure has collapsed, and with it has gone the very moral fabric of the modern era.
- Big pharma has raked in millions of dollars by pushing medicine that has left millions with addiction and caused the deaths of multitudes.
- Untold numbers of babies are murdered before birth in the name of “women’s health.”
- Perversion is personified in the LGBT lobby, and they have their eyes set squarely on the children and youth.
- Social media corporations and news conglomerates control the information disseminated to an unwary public, pushing the “progressive” worldview.

And the only response to these things from many so-called Christians is capitulation. Whole denominations are falling like dominoes, caving in to the new

moral order. They are bowing down to the modern Baal of tolerance and are being ruled by the whims and notions of a millennial generation that does not know its right hand from its left. These are churches falsely so-called, for they represent another Jesus—one you will not find in the Bible.

As the writer for the Armageddon News section of this periodical, I keep abreast of current events. And I can tell you that I do not print half of the alarming things that are transpiring in our society under the very noses of those who name the name of Christ. Yet, how many who read are taking any sort of action?

What will it take to shake you, dear reader, from your stupor? What more do you need to spur you on to embrace holiness and join with the people of God against this evil generation?

Will it take the loss of your children? They are bombarded on all sides with the voices and enticements of those propagating the course of this world. And you send them still to the public schools! You would take the chance of sacrificing them to the god of this world?

It used to be that the chief concern about public schools among the godly was the teaching of evolution and secular humanism. That is peanuts compared to the onslaught of sexual and gender confusion being actively foisted on them in the classrooms. Your children could be transitioning to another gender without your knowledge, but with the full knowledge and support of those

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you sit them under. And don't expect support from the courts in this matter. They are siding with the schools and the children, not with the parents.

Yes, desperate times call for desperate measures, and we are acting accordingly. The church of God is taking the offensive. As a people, we have:

- Thrown out the television.
- Stopped looking to Hollywood for fashion advice.
- Pulled our children out of the truth-hating and God-forsaken institution of the public schools.
- Gone back to the blessed old Bible as our standard for truth.
- Taken a stand for the restoration of the traditional family.

We are not just sitting back in fear for the things that are going on around us (as most conservative movements are doing), but we are taking the message of salvation and holiness to the very streets. Our gospel companies have targeted many major cities with singing, preaching, and testimony with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven. And by God's grace, we will target more.

The church of God is united in love, and we are on the attack. We are done with lesser things. We are moving away from our dependencies on the godless system of this world and embracing community.

And we welcome you, dear reader, to do so with us. Give up the world. It has never done you any good, and there is no use trying to wait things out any longer to see how they go. You already see it, and it isn't good.

You may be afraid or uncertain of the next steps to take. How will you pull your children from public school? How can you leave the church where your grandparents and parents went? How will it all work out? Will you be alone?

No! The good news is, you do not have to stand alone. The church of God will stand with you. We invite you, all lovers of God and His truth, to come and see what He is doing among us. Come see the love and devotion. The glory. The unity.

Desperate times call for desperate measures.

O kings of the earth, beware! We promise you radical resistance and fire from heaven. We are heading toward a collision of cosmic proportions with you. Yet, we do not fear, for we have come to the kingdom for such a time as this. 📖



# ARROWS *in the* Hands of God

SIS. EDEL NEUFELD

“As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man;  
so are children of the youth.” Psalm 127:4.

OH, THE POSSIBILITIES POSSESSED BY YOUTH! What zeal, what vivacity, what passion lies in the bosom of the young! Feeling themselves unconquerable, they face seemingly unsurmountable obstacles with optimism and confidence. In the heart of the young is a longing to accomplish and conquer the impossible; a longing to give themselves over passionately to a cause they feel is worth their all. The Psalmist describes the young as arrows, as weapons of war, in the hand of a mighty man. “Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them,” he continues. And surely, what couldn’t be accomplished with an army of passionate, confident young people?

Hitler understood it when he organized the Hitler Youth. What power lies in an army of fervent young people fighting for a cause! The devil has well-grounded reasons to fear the young. He is fully aware of the devastation he would suffer if such a quiver of arrows were poised against his kingdom. The masses of dis-

illusioned young people today are no accident. Satan has strategically worked towards their demise, for he has good reasons to fear them.

Today’s young people face more obstacles and harsher realities than ever before. Multitudes of them are trying to cope with deep wounds and scars received in childhood. Their childhood, which should have been characterized by a loving, supportive, and carefree environment that would have set them up for success, was instead a time of turmoil and anxiety. Millions suffered as their families were broken up by divorce. Parents, too busy trying to attain the American dream, relinquished their children to daycares, public schools, and a host of extra-curricular programs, where they were indeed kept busy and supervised, but left devoid of the attentive care, unconditional support, and heartfelt affection they craved. They struggled through the pain in their childhood with the help of Disney and the latest video game.

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to be Hollywood-beautiful, pressured to don the latest strange fads, pressured to give their bodies over to sensuality and licentiousness, pressured to subject themselves to every newest corrupting movie, pressured to experience every form of sinful pleasure, pressured to question their identity...pressured, pressured, pressured. Is it any wonder that many a young person has lost the sparkle in his eyes? Without a strong support system and facing such challenges and pressures, it's understandable that many millions are on anti-depression and anxiety meds, and suicide is the second-leading cause of death for the young.

Who's told our young girls they must fit Hollywood's standard of beauty, even if it means they must change the way God carefully formed them by means of make-up or plastic surgery? Who has told our young people that youth is a time of one-night stands and flings that leave them disillusioned and unfulfilled? Why is there such pressure to question one's gender? If they weren't questioning their identity before, they are surely confused by the time they try to set up their Facebook account and are faced with 71 gender options to choose from! Countless are the means and devices Satan has set up in this time to rob our youth of their innocence, their youthful joy, and their purpose!

Enough is enough! It is time for the young to rise up and refuse to take Satan's abuse any longer! Oh, that young women would realize that the beauty of holiness is inimitable by Hollywood's plastic version. Oh, that young men would know the honor of standing pure and undefiled in a desperately wicked generation. What joy

to know true liberation—liberty from sin and its devastating consequences! Oh, that their faces would shine and their hearts would sing, unencumbered by the oppressions of Satan's society.

If there is an ember of passion left in the hearts of today's youth, let it be used in revenge against the kingdom of Satan that has robbed them of so much! Let them exchange their lifeless, virtual social life for the unflinching support and affectionate brotherhood of God's people. Let them spend their energies in God's cause. It was God that placed the longing in their hearts to conquer and accomplish the un-

imaginable. The desire to fight valiantly and passionately for a great cause was given them by Him. God's desire has ever been to use their youthful strength and zeal for His glory and His cause. Let the young be passionately engaged in God's battle against the forces of wickedness; let them taste the joys of rescuing perishing souls from Satan's clutches, and Satan's allurements will lose all appeal.

There is no greater happiness, no deeper fulfillment, than to live for what one was created for. Thus, nothing will satiate the hearts of the young more than being arrows in the hands of God! 🏹

# Holy Resolution

ROBERT PERSONS (1546–1610), later known as Robert Parsons

**F**ollow not the frenzy and dotage of worldly wisdom, nor partake with the wicked in this fatal error. For the day will come when they shall dearly repent and smart for their perverseness, and thou shalt esteem thyself most happy in dissenting from them. Let them squander away their precious time in vanities, the sinful and fugitive delights of this perishing life; let them build stately palaces, aspire greedily after honours, lay field to field and heap up thick clay. This is all but building castles in the air, and their short appearances of happiness are not worth thy envy.

If they disparage the riches of God and the honour of His saints at present, and cannot entertain any lofty ideals of that happiness in which carnal pleasures have no part, marvel not at the matter, for these things are not of a size with their

capacities, nor suited to their depraved affections. A horse can have no notion of any entertainment above provender and water, and the sensual man, who, in this respect has degenerated into brute, can as little understand the things that be of God.

But thou hast been taught to raise thy thoughts up to loftier matters, and the only qualification farther needful is to endeavour after them. For it must always be remembered that this kingdom of God is never to be found of them that seek it not. It is the prize at the goal, but the prize is only for them that run. It is the crown of glory, but none can be crowned except such as fight.

Observe the condition proposed by the Master of the combat: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in

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heaven.” Matthew 7:21.

This kingdom is offered to all, but they who are content to suffer with Christ are the persons who shall reign with Him. Consider then the greatness of this treasure, but consider it so as to not mistake the methods of obtaining it, and this can only be by a virtuous and godly life. Sit down then, and, according to our Lord’s advice, compute the cost, whether thou have the heart and the purse to buy this pearl of great price; whether strength sufficient to engage in this war or no. My meaning is, whether thou art steadfastly resolved and fully determined to get heaven at any rate, and think it a good bargain upon the terms of forsaking all sin, and leading a godly, righteous, and sober life in this present world. This is the single point upon which thy success will turn at last.

Have regard to thy future and everlasting state, and whatever becomes of this transitory one, resolve to secure that. Consider that eternity depends upon this short moment, and if our life be but a moment, and yet a moment of such vast importance, think what a madness it is to trifle it away in an unthinking careless way of living. Thou canst not want remembrancers of thy duty. All the creatures of earth and heaven and hell are motives, are books, are sermons and exhortations to thee, some by their glory, some by their punishment, some by their beauty, all by their creation; they loudly and with one voice declare that thou wert not sent into the world for nothing, that thou art bound to do the works of Him that sent thee; that all is vanity, and folly, and misery except only the service of thy Lord and Master. 📖

## Counsel from Chrysostom

May I urge you—as I have always done, and always will—don’t just listen carefully to what the preacher says, but take time regularly to read the Bible at home as well. This is something I never stop drumming into my friends and acquaintances!

Don’t let anyone make excuses like these: “I’ve got this or that public duty to fulfil,” “I’m a skilled worker, I must get on with my job.” “I’ve a wife and children to feed, I must provide for my family.” In other words, “I’m a layman, it’s not my business to read the Bible. I’ll leave that to professional Christians... theology students.”

What on earth are you saying? It’s not your business to read the Bible because you’ve got too many other things to bother about? But that’s the very reason why you need to read the Bible! The more worries you have, the more you need the Bible to keep you going!

You are in the middle of this godless world’s stormy sea and so you need spiritual help and sustenance—urgently. You are on the front line, face to face with the enemy, and you are bound to suffer frequent blows and be severely wounded. So you need the medicine-chest close at hand.

Your wife irritates you, you worry about your children, your enemies are waiting to catch you out, someone you thought was your friend is jealous of you, your neighbour spreads rumours about you or picks quarrels with you, your colleague acts behind your back, someone sues you, you suffer from poverty, you lose your nearest and dearest, success gives you a boost and then trouble brings you down to the depths again. Where can you find a suit of armour, or a castle from which to defend yourself? Where can you find ointment for your wounds, but in the Bible?

Haven’t you noticed how a smith, mason or carpenter, or any other craftsman, however much his back is against the wall, will never sell or pawn the tools of his trade? If he did, how could he earn his living? That is how we should think of the Bible; just as mallets, hammers, saws, chisels, axes and hatchets are the tools of the craftsman’s trade, so the books of the prophets and the apostles, and all scripture inspired by the Holy Spirit, are the tools of our salvation. 📖

— John Chrysostom (c. 347 - 407)

“Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!” Isaiah 5:20-21

Eve, after being seduced by Satan’s lie, was the first human being to call evil good, to put darkness for light, and bitter for sweet. The devil so blurred the lines that his lie appeared to Eve as truth, and, consequently, God’s truth appeared to her as a lie. Adam then fell under the same spell, thereby bringing the curse of sin upon every person born into this world since that time. (The devil, ever promising people liberty, always brings them into the bondage of sin.)

Tolerating evil and calling it something other than what it is leads to the ruin of mankind. It is no wonder that the Bible pronounces a woe upon those that do it. Tolerate evil, and it will be just a matter of time before you do evil.

### **Polar Opposites**

The scripture above speaks of things clearly distinct from one another—polar opposites, if you will—evil and good, darkness and light, bitter and sweet. To pervert and confound these things would be confusion. Honey will never be bitter. Evil will never be good. There is no bridge or fusion possible. A line is drawn between these opposites—and, in the matter of

morality, the crossing of that line becomes criminal. It is high treason against the God of heaven and to His holy laws. It is a call to all-out war for the righteous. No compromises are possible. God’s holy army will seek no terms of peace with Satan.

Thomas Mann rightly declared that “Tolerance becomes a crime when applied to evil.”

There is a distinct difference between good and evil. Take that difference away, and, not only will the wicked be justified, but righteous persons will be condemned. There are plentiful examples of this in today’s world.

Truth is absolute, not relative. It makes terms with none, for in so doing, it would no longer be truth. Yet, today’s advocates of evil, chafing against moral confines, decry any judgment against wrong or unbiblical conduct. They become a judge of the judges—even if the judges are not showing any disrespect to the individual they and

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the Word of God happen to disagree with. Since when does disagreeing with another predicate hatred for him? I hate the effect of alcoholism on people’s lives. That does not mean that I hate the alcoholic himself.

### **Warping Minds**

We have all heard the dragon-infused mantra—to tolerate is to love. It is about being inclusive. It is about acceptance and respecting others’ rights. Don’t be narrow-minded or old-fashioned, and on and on.

Tolerate, tolerate, tolerate. This lovely word has been

hijacked and perverted for an unholy cause. Its out-of-context use has been an effective tool of Satan to warp minds concerning sin.

Consequently, what was once unquestionably known to be scandalous and wicked to prior generations not far removed, is now considered praiseworthy to multitudes.

Politician Robert Casey said, “Tolerance is the price we pay for living in a free, pluralistic society.” While speaking against abortion he declared “We live in a time of anarchy—when those who claim the right to choose deny pro-life advocates the right to speak.” This is but one example of

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the evil seeking to silence the good.

Through Satan's insidious working through the years to normalize and glorify sin in the minds of the populace, the worldview has made an amazing paradigm shift. How boldly sin now struts in the streets, perverting young and old. See it trample on the Word of God and defy the holy, with courtrooms, schoolrooms, and governments at its defence.

How very crooked and perverse is this generation! Being giddy with sin, they tolerate the murder of millions of unborn babies under the guise of respect for the mother's rights. Others line city streets to cheer on poor souls bound in unnatural lusts, none considering that they are marching on their way to the Final Judgment, unprepared to meet God. They will call it hate if you do not the same. Multitudes indulge in fornication and adultery and "think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you" (1 Peter 4:4)! The apostle Paul was so right when he said that in the last days people would be "unholy" and "despisers of those that are good" (2 Tim. 3:2-3).

So toxic are the effects of this mass seduction that even professed Christians have fallen prey to the "love and acceptance" of evil, beguiled by the devil's doctrine of inclusion, to the point of tolerating evil in those occupying their own pulpits. Is it any wonder that many are so disgusted with "mainstream Christianity"?

Albert Einstein stated, "The world is in greater peril from those who tolerate or encourage evil than from those who actually commit it."

Evil will abound when none will stand against it.

### **A Prophetic Hour**

Satan has always been a deceiver, for he is the father of lies (John 8:44), yet scripture reveals that right before the very end of time—which is now—there would come a season particularly marked with deception; deception so great that whole nations would be affected.

And when the thousand years are

expired, Satan [through the spirit of paganism] shall be loosed out of his prison,

And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them." Rev. 20:7-9

All of the forces of evil, both secular and religious, are now gathered together to war against God's one true and holy church. This is the final battle in the war of Armageddon, which has been raging since Eden. We are now nearing the climax in the clash between good and evil. And, as in Eden, Satan, with his usual subtlety, is presenting a lie as truth, and God's truth as a lie. He is promoting evil as good and good as evil. Who has not been charmed by his wiles? See the nations bow, then listen to the groaning of the sin-laden host.

And, if we will not bow to their mantra or dance to their piping? If we withhold our blessing on their evil works? Well, it usually is not received with tolerance and understanding from the advocates of evil. Jesus explains why this is: "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For *every one that doeth evil hateth the light*, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproof." John 3:19-20. They want toleration. They despise reproof. The result? Perhaps those who do good will receive a summons to court for a hate crime, or be decried as proud, hard-lined, homophobic, bigoted, or whatever other epithet they deem suits the situation or sin.

### **Flee from the Wrath to Come**

This extreme demand for toleration of sin comes at a time when the end of all things is at hand and the Judge is at the door about to call this world into final

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judgment. Satan knows his time is short and has great wrath.

If ever Christians needed to lift up their voice like a trumpet and show the people their sin, it is now. An urgent wake-up call is needed. The fierceness of God's wrath is about to break upon sinning mankind in a display of power that will strike an unspeakable terror into the hearts of the wicked. Satan's spell will be forever banished on that day. How desperately urgent it is then for the holy to warn this sin-calloused generation to flee from the wrath to come! This is no time to comfort or encourage people to continue in their ungodly lifestyles.

### **Woe to False Religious Professors**

And, at this juncture, I will say woe upon woe to those who, in the midst of this great fray, profess the name of Jesus Christ while they yet live and propagate a sinning religion infested with the spirit of the world. Had those behind the pulpits of the land decried sin and been the holy restraint against the works of darkness as they should have been all these years, the devil would have had a more difficult time accomplishing his agenda in convincing the masses to tolerate evil. Your silence, low-living, and tolerance of sin has made you the devil's ally. Your toleration of evil and darkness; your calling it by another name has been Satan's comedy hour as you cooperate with his serpentine plan and so

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# Trying?

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**Y**ou try on a coat. If you do not like it, you need not buy it. You try a type of beverage. If you are not satisfied with the product, there is a money-back guarantee written on the paper cover. You try out a particular sewing machine model. The salesman encourages you to take it home. If it does not work for you, you may return it. How nice, that there is a way out. This “trying” mentality is widespread in the secular world. What’s more, it is thriving in the religious realm also.

Most people have no inkling of what it means to get saved. Indeed, it takes God’s power and grace to save a soul; however, that soul has a definite part to perform as well. Getting saved is a total “sell-out”; a complete 180-degree turn-around; a death to the old life of sin and a resurrection to a new life in Christ; a giving up of the whole world; a pursuit of God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength; and finally, in the words of Talmage, “an infinite and radical change in [your] heart...an earthquake in [your] soul.” And, there is no “escape route” ever!

Salvation is a wonderful experience, but you cannot “give it a try.” You might try

on a coat, but you cannot try on salvation. People live in a fantasy experience. They have tried on a “new coat,” but when life’s circumstances get a little hot, they will quickly put off this “experience” to avoid hardships, persecution, or reproach. After all, giving something a try requires no commitment, and to succeed is purely optional. Come Sunday, they can always try again, right? Especially when, during the week, they gave in to the craving “to try the world again.” Just a little taste, you know; they were not planning to be wicked; oh no! Then, when something left a bad after-taste, and they applied for a refund, they found out that Satan does not offer satisfaction guarantees. His refund is death. So Sunday becomes a “try-to-fix-it” day—get back to Jesus. (Satan loves “Sunday-go-to-meeting Christians.” They will fill a large part of hell.) There is one problem: Jesus Christ does not play games. Trying to jump back and forth is presuming on the grace of God, and unless people stop playing, there is no help for them.

Will God not receive sinners and backsliders? He will, just as soon as they are ready to stop playing. When their hearts break with true sorrow and contrition for

committing sin, they will forever forsake sin, and get a hold of a real salvation experience.

To reassert: It is not a matter of trying the experience, but of getting it; not a matter of trying to pray, but of praying with all your might. You may have to cry out like Bartimaeus or roar like Billy Bray. And if you are told to “hold your peace,” you will just have to cry out and roar a “great deal” more. It is not a matter of trying to repent or of trying to turn from your sins, but of actually turning. Do you know that you cannot try to turn and actually turn at the same time? It is impossible. You are either turning or you are not. Trying to turn is absurd. Accordingly, the commands of the Bible are extremely firm and settled. There is no option of trying offered: “Ye must be born again. Be ye holy; for I am holy. Touch

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not the unclean thing. Love not the world.” (If you are trying not to love the world, you are, in fact, loving it.)

Sometimes an individual voices a good intention, but unless he presses through to do it, there is nothing really to shout about. He is trying, and that is not a positive implication, but rather a negative one. The Scripture says, “What must I do to be saved?”

The Bible uses the example of the bride and the bridegroom. Imagine a young man, who has asked a young woman to marry him, receiving this type of answer: “I will try.” His response: “Will you, or will you not?” The marriage vow requires that she say, “I will,” and this promise holds for good times and for bad times. “I will try” leaves a way out. She may one day say, “I’m tired of cooking and doing the dishes and keeping up with the laundry. I’m leaving.” People literally do that today, but such behavior does not fit into the marriage vow. Likewise, such behavior spiritually has no room in the consecrated life of the spiritual bride. Moreover, Jesus, the Bridegroom, left Himself no room for trying. He did not try to pray “Not my will, but Thine, be done.” He did not try to drink that bitter cup. He did not try to spill His blood for the saving of the world. He went ahead and did it all, and when it was all done, He said, “It is finished!” And when you, dear soul, will do your part of repenting, praying, confessing, and believing, God will do His part, and the work will be finished. You will rejoice and shout “Glory” because you are SAVED!

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How will you stay saved? By trying? That sounds as though you do not absolutely have to stay saved. “I will try to keep going?” You have no other choice. You have got to keep going or you are not going to heaven. “I will try to be faithful?” If a husband says that to his wife before he leaves for work in the morning, he has changed the marriage vow from “I will” to “I’ll try.” Trouble is on the way. “I will try to resist temptation?” The devil has an advantage over you already. You have not purposed in your heart to overcome. You are leaving for yourself a little opening, should the temptation get too strong. I am afraid that it will get too strong, and that you will enter right in. “I will try to be spiritual?” You will not succeed, unless you “perform the doing of it” (2 Cor. 8:11).

Trying is dying. Jesus does not play this “game of trying,” and you must stop playing it too. 📖

“And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.”

Matthew 11:12

He that will take, get possession of the kingdom of righteousness, peace, and spiritual joy, must be in earnest. All hell will oppose him in every step he takes, and if a man be not absolutely determined to give up his sins and evil companions, and have his soul saved at all hazards, and at every expense, he will surely perish everlastingly. This requires a violent earnestness.

— Adam Clarke

## Be Ye Not Mockers

*Bro. Jadon Eichelberger*

“Be ye not mockers”  
The Scripture commands,  
Lest heaven should strengthen  
Thy fetters and bands.

Be ye not mockers,  
I’ve heard from the Lord,  
Consumption is promised  
On Babel’s dark horde.

Be ye not mockers,  
Nor laugh at God’s men.  
Souls did it before thee;  
God’s she-bears tore them.

Be ye not mockers!  
Don’t counsel with kings.  
Though Christ’s cords you sever,  
What trouble it brings!

Be ye not mockers!  
Jehovah shall laugh,  
And He that now reigneth  
Shall speak in His wrath.

Be ye not mockers,  
Be wise now therefore.  
The fan of God’s anger  
Is purging His floor.

Be ye not mockers  
While time holdeth yet.  
Go and kiss ye the Son,  
For judgment is set.

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Isaiah 28:22;  
2 Kings 2:23-24; Psalm 2

## The Wickedness of Tolerance

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ably promote his wicked cause in deceiving the nations. You befriend the world that Jesus is at enmity with (James 4:4) and add to your sin by condemning the righteous who obey His conjunction to be separate from the world. You are the Gog and Magog powers that are joined to the dragon that was loosed from the bottomless pit in this end of time to fight against God's true people (Rev. 20:7-9). Your contribution to the perversion and confusion of this age will be met by the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

### Hate Evil

"Ye that love the Lord, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked." Psalm 97:10. "Hate evil"—now that is going against the flow! That will take courage and conviction—and a real love for the sinners.

Tolerating sin is a far cry from hating it. *Tolerate* sin—that thing which God hates? Tolerate sin—the very thing that has produced every woe that mankind has suffered since Eden? The very purpose of Jesus Christ coming into this world was to condemn sin (Rom. 8:3; 1 Jn. 3:8). Of this, Adam Clarke stated, "The design and object of the incarnation and sacrifice of Christ was to condemn sin, to have it executed and destroyed; not to tolerate it as some think... but to annihilate its power, guilt, and being in the soul of a believer." To tolerate sin would be a woeful injustice to the very ones deceived and bound by it.

"God is angry with the wicked every day" (Psalm 7:11b), and His face "is against them that do evil" (1 Pet. 3:12b). How, then, can I pet and applaud their evil deeds?

### Intolerant of Sin

Let it be known that we, the people of God, are intolerant of sin. Sinners we love and will seek to rescue all we can before the last trump sounds, but sin we hate. It is the destruction of man. 📌

## Madness Is in their Heart

JOHN GILL

"The heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart while they live, and after that they go to the dead." Ecclesiastes 9:3.

"The younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living...

And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants." Luke 15:13, 17-19.

*Madness is in their heart while they live...*

Every sin is madness, for who but a madman would stretch out his hand against God and strengthen himself against the Almighty, and run upon Him? Who but a madman would rush into sin in the manner he does and expose himself to dangers and death, even eternal death? Wicked men are mad upon their lusts, and mad against the saints, and all that is good. This insanity is in their hearts, shows itself in their lives, and continues with them as long as they live, unless [saved] by grace.

*When he came to himself...*

An unregenerate man, whether a voluptuous man, or a self-righteous man, is not himself—he is beside himself, and is no other than a madman. The man that pursues his worldly lusts and pleasures promises himself liberty while he is a slave. He ruins himself, his soul, body, and estate, and chooses to do it rather than part with his lusts. He takes delight in doing mischief himself and in seeing it done by others. He proclaims his folly publicly, declares his sin, and glories in it, all which a man in his right mind would never do.

The self-righteous person trusts in his own heart, which is the greatest madness and folly in the world. He compasses himself about with sparks of his own kindling, and sacrifices to his own net. He dresses himself in his rags, and pleases and prides himself with

them when a robe of righteousness and garments of salvation are provided, which no man in his senses would ever do.

But when the Spirit of God comes to work upon a sinner's heart in conversion, He brings him to himself, which a man may be said to be when he is brought to true evangelical repentance for sin. That is, when he has a true sense of it as committed

against God and a godly sorrow for it and makes a hearty and ingenuous acknowledgment of it, and forsakes it; and when he is brought to a sense of the insufficiency of his own righteousness, and is made willing to part with it and desires to be found in Christ and in His righteousness alone, which he is encouraged to lay hold on, and receive by faith, trust to, and rejoice in;

when he has his spiritual senses exercised on Christ, and to discern between good and evil; and is brought to the feet of Jesus, as to submit to His righteousness, so to serve Him.

When he is all this, then, like the man in the gospel, he is clothed, and in his right mind. 📖

# ARMAGEDDON NEWS

REPORTED BY BRO. DANIEL EICHELBERGER



DARKNESS IS LIGHT TO THE WICKED Babylonian scoundrels who rule this world and preach from the pulpits of the churches. Their only gods are their bellies, and they are rapacious in their appetite to rob you of your human rights in the name of tolerance. They feast on a gullible and blinded public. Where is the front line of Armageddon? In the seat of your government, in your pulpit, in that glowing blue-eyed devil sitting in your living room, and staring out at you from your very smart phone!

## The Costs of Free Speech in B.C.

A British Columbia, Canada human rights tribunal has ruled against and fined Bill Whatcott, a Christian, for misgendering transgender activist Morgane Oger. Oger, who was born Ronan Oger, is a transgender woman who was running for political office. In response, Whatcott put up flyers pointing out that Oger was, indeed, a biological male. Oger sued, and the tribunal ruled that Whatcott must pay Oger \$35,000 in damages plus an additional \$20,000 for his repeatedly misgendering Oger before and during the trial.

In short, the tribunal declared that there should no longer be public debate over transgenderism, and such debate in itself is discriminatory. Whatcott, who

doesn't have the money to pay the imposed fines, isn't sure if he will appeal the ruling. "Jesus Christ is still Lord and He will come again. I put my hope into that," he said.

## The Devil Really is in the Details

In February, CBC News published the shocking report that instructions on committing suicide were embedded in a cartoon freely available on YouTube. It was discovered by Dr. Free N. Ness, an emergency room pediatrician. According to the CBC, Dr. Ness had, seven months earlier, "posted a complaint from another mother who had found the same video sequence on YouTube Kids, a video app that is specifically targeted at children and billed by YouTube as 'a family-friendly place for kids to explore their interests.'"

YouTube took action to remove the video, but this is not the first time that the platform has proven an avenue of evil towards children. Over a year ago, versions of common children's cartoons were showing up on YouTube Kids that had scenes of torture and violence.

## Climate Change Meets Prosperity Gospel

Pastor John Gray of Relentless Church in Greenville, South Carolina has made a plea to his congregation for

\$250,000 to repair his church's roof. The Greenville News reports that Gray told his congregation, "The Holy Ghost said this to me so I'm going to speak it out, that there is severe weather coming to the region this spring because of all of the climate change and issues. Whether you understand all the science behind it or not, or agree, I heard the Lord say, 'I want you to make sure the house is covered so that when storms come people can come in here and be covered.'"

Now there is a prediction for you.

Gray, who was an associate pastor of prosperity gospel preacher Joel Osteen's Lakewood Church in Houston, went on to tell his congregation that the Lord had also told him all the money they needed was present in the church. He ought to know. He lives in a \$1.8 million mansion funded by the congregation.

Late last year, Gray drew much public criticism for gifting his wife a \$200,000 Lamborghini. But he insisted he used personal, not church funds, for the purchase.

Who are we to judge? Surely fast cars are needed to outrun climate change.

Cry out, dear Christian! Cry aloud and spare not! Call sin for what it is, and join forces with the holy in this time of restoration. 📖

# OBITUARIES



Bro. Don Forbes

up there.” He has forever left behind all sorrow and affliction. He fought his fight and won. He has gained the reward for which he spent his life seeking.

Bro. Forbes was born into a family that had a church of God legacy, his great-grandfather, F. M. Williamson, being a minister in the Church of God Reformation movement.

In the 1980s, after hearing the preaching of Bro. Daniel Layne, he began to understand that the glory was declining in the place where they worshipped, and many were not living the truth that they had been taught. After much conflict within, they took their children, left where they were attending, and took their stand with the true people of God. Time has well proven that this was the right decision. Bro. Don continued to walk in the light.

He had always wanted to work in printing the gospel message, and in time his desire was fulfilled as he became the chief printer of the Gospel Trumpet publication. He labored at this work, even through years of affliction, and trained others who would be able to carry on in his place. In Bro. Forbes, God had provided a well-equipped laborer whose work has been invaluable in advancing this work of restoration.

On the morning of February 26, 2019, to his supreme delight, Bro. Don Forbes took his flight from this earthly plane to one of eternal peace and joy. As he said he would just a few hours before, he did indeed say, “good night here” but awoke with a glorious “good morning

## Farewell to our Fellow-laborer



We of the Gospel Trumpet Publishing Co. are grateful for Bro. Don Forbes' contribution to this printing work. He was our first and chief printer, and for many years faithfully volunteered his time in the printing of booklets, tracts, and this bi-monthly publication of the church. Bro. Forbes could always be counted on to do a professional, high-quality job. We rejoice in knowing he is now reaping his eternal reward.

Sis. Susan Mutch  
Editor-in-Chief



Sis. Maria Binder

Sis. Maria Binder, of Bad Friedrichshall, Germany, quietly passed on to her eternal reward on March 11, 2019, shortly before she reached the age of ninety-three.

At the age of 85, Sis. Maria got saved and joined her daughter and granddaughter in the church of God. It was always her prayer that the Lord would work mightily in her and give her more understanding of the Word of God. After battling through the false beliefs that were planted in her heart throughout the years

before finding God's church, she obtained a true sanctification experience and a vision of God's work of restoration in this time.

She loved to sing and spent a great part of her day in singing hymns, reading the Word of God and prayer. It was her wish to be with the Lord, and He heard her prayers and took her from us after spending only 10 days in bed.

We rejoice with her in her eternal victory, and laugh in the devil's face – he has lost another soul forever!

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## The Beauty of Gray Hair

How priceless is the silvered pate!  
 Its worth we cannot estimate.  
 'Tis proof of vast experience gained  
 Through countless trials of life sustained.  
 It speaks of counsel for the young,  
 For those whose life has just begun.  
 The brow that is in silver draped  
 Deserves respect from small and great.  
 This ancient trademark of the wise  
 Oh, why dishonor it with dyes!  
 Then let the aged proudly wear  
 The streaks of white and graying hair.  
 How beautiful the hoary wreath!  
 That harbors wisdom underneath.

— Bro. James Bontrager

We rejoice in Bro. David Kauffman's ordination to the ministry, which took place during the meeting in Baja California, Mexico, on March 21, 2019.



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