

Love for the Lost

Joe Slater

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved"

(Jeremiah 8:20).

September is upon us; autumn will arrive before we know it. Any fall crops still in the field will be harvested.

Jeremiah, "the weeping prophet," lamented the condition of the immoral idolaters in Judah by comparing it to a crop failure which would, of course, result in famine. Jeremiah's people had ignored innumerable warnings. Now it was too late. The prophet envisioned invasion by the Chaldeans and the unspeakable suffering and destruction it would bring.

True to his calling, Jeremiah had thundered God's judgments against His rebellious people. Nevertheless, as he contemplated the impending bloodbath coupled with the misery of the survivors, it broke his heart. *"Oh, that my head were waters, and my eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!"* (Jeremiah 9:1).

Paul echoed Jeremiah's spirit as he wrote, *"Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved"* (Romans 10:1). Unbelieving Israel's lost condition caused *"great sorrow and continual grief in my heart,"* he wrote in Romans 9:2. Like Jeremiah, Paul had faithfully proclaimed God's word to his fellow-Jews; and he had paid the price for it as they persecuted him.

Do you understand that every responsible person outside of Christ is lost? Does it bother you? Do you love the lost enough to speak the truth of the gospel of Christ to them?

"How shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?" (Romans 10:14).

Think about it!

- Justin Church of Christ, Justin, TX -

Unchanged Tactics

Satan didn't tempt Eve to murder, steal, or even tell a lie.

*He tempted her to **doubt the word of God.***

Just know his tactics haven't changed.

- Author Unknown -

Where you go hereafter depends on what you go after here.

News Notes

BIBLE MEDITATIONS: Monday-Friday 12:30-12:35 p.m. on WOHI 1490 AM and 103.9 FM.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday, 9:00-11:00 a.m. All ladies invited to participate.

LADIES DAY: This coming Saturday, Sept 27th, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Southern Hills Church of Christ. Topic: "Am I An Example?" Speakers: Bobbie Goodnight & Alycia Taylor.

LADIES DAY: Saturday, October 4th, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Registration: 9:00 a.m. at Brookville Church of Christ, Brookville, PA. Topic: "Daughters of the Most High." Lunch provided. Additional details on the Bulletin Board.

PANTRY: Spaghettios.

SICK & SHUT-IN: *Calcutta Health Care:* David Stefl (Room 7). *At Home:* Peggy Linger, Scharlotte Jones, Harry Huff, Nancy Cox, Barbara DeLong, Marlene Evans, Cheryl Renfro Walker, Brian Haught (Skip's brother), Micheal Sabol (Karen Strum's daughter-in-law's father). *Serra Manor, Weirton:* Jean Haught (Skip's mother). *Fox, Chester:* Mary Johnson. *Elsewhere:* Herman McHan, 7401 Elmwood Dr., Lisbon, OH 44432.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Bridgeport, WV	Sept. 21-24.....	Rick Tincher
McKinleyville	Sept. 21-25	Different Speakers
Bridge Street, N. Martinsville	Oct. 5- 8	John Keith
CHESTER	Oct. 5- 9	Jimmy Clark
Weirton Heights.....	Oct. 5-10.....	David Kenney
Pennsboro	Oct. 5-10	Charles Pugh III

Perfectly Confused

By Ron Thomas

On the lips of him who has understanding, wisdom is found, but a rod is for the back of him who lacks sense. The wise lay up knowledge, but the mouth of a fool brings ruin near (Proverbs 10:13-14).

A man of understanding is not a man who seeks to be wise in the ways of the world. That is not the man in view here. A man of understanding is one who seeks to be wise in the ways of God. This man, consequently, will be very wise to the ways of the world and its utter foolishness. This kind of man will try to instill in others what he has. He is loyal to God, obeys His holy will, and has become wise to the ways of righteousness. The fool, on the other hand, has no wisdom in the ways of righteousness and with his morass of darkness he walks in this life "perfectly" confused.

- Highway Church of Christ, Sullivan, IL (via *Bulletin Gold*) -