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The Ten-Cent-Store Jesus

By A.W. Tozer 1897-1963

“His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; (15) And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. (16) And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.” Revelation 1:14 - 16

Unfortunately, **the ten-cent-store Jesus** being preached now by many—is not the Jesus that will come to judge the world.

This *harmless, plastic, painted Jesus* who has no spine, nor justice, nor wrath—but is a soft and pliant friend to everybody; if He is the only Christ, then we might as well close our Bibles, bar our doors and make a bakery or garage out of our church buildings!

The *popular Christ* being preached today—is not the Christ of the Bible, nor the Christ who will be our final Judge.

Jesus Christ our Lord, the Judge with the flaming eyes—is the one with whom we must deal. We cannot escape it.

“And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; (16) And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: (17) For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?” Revelation 6:15 – 17

“It is now common practice in most evangelical churches to offer the people, especially the young people, a maximum of entertainment and a minimum of serious instruction. It is scarcely possible in most places to get anyone to attend a church meeting, where the only attraction is God. One can only conclude that God’s professed children are bored with Him, for they must be wooed to church with a stick of striped candy, in the form of religious movies, games and entertainments.”

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Our Prayer List

*“Pray without ceasing.”
1 Thessalonians 5:17*

Sister Zee Mink Fuller and Family, Her son’s Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, Johnnie Stephens, Alecia Stephens, and children, Frank & Sonya Trusty, Frank & Dawana Reigel, Diane & Smoke, Andrew Preston, Larry & Martha Mollette and Her Family Juanita her daughter, Lana Paul, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Reich, Danny Mollette, 12-year-old Lucas, Joshua Kidd, Ronnie and Sarah Henderson, Ricky Henderson and Family, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Jerry Hughes, Shirly King - Son David - and family, Little Cam Works, Sister Ann McSwain, Brother Justin Bookout and family, Little Weslynn McClelland, Adrienne Lavina, Pastor Nathan Hille and Sister Cassie and his family, Baby Titus Massey, Shane and Brook Sims, Ricky Bennett, Nick, Madison, and Baby Emory Patty, and Russell York, Brother Medic, Sister Mhalyn Lavina and children, Brother Jerry Dodson, Brother Gary and Sister White, Brother David and Sister Jevonna O’Neal, Sister Rebecca Sidders, Mark and Kathy Johnson, Pray for a month old baby boy.

Pray For Our Church Supported Mission Works

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” Act 1:8

Missionary Dan and Sunny Sullivan in Thailand, and Elder Raul and the Printing work Romania

Pastor's thought for the week."

"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;" 1 Peter 5:2

"Satan can show up as a friend, beware!"

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

When you think of Satan how do you see him in your mind? A lot of people see Satan as an ugly cartoon type being, something evil looking like a dragon of sort and with a pitchfork. However, that is wrong, Satan is a spirit, a fallen angel, one that is pure evil. And He is a deceiver, God calls him an evil spirit. But Satan can very well befriend us, he can appear to us as a helper, one who cares, and one who wants to help, but he is nothing less than a deceiver. God said of Satan, *"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."* John 8:44 He is not our friend; he is our arch-enemy who seeks to cause us to sin and fall out of fellowship with God. His greatest desire is to cause churches to fall away from being the Pillar and ground of Truth, to cause a church to fall just enough that Jesus removes our candlestick. Satan appeared to Eve because he was after Adam, however since Eve was a weaker vessel he betrayed her believing or even knowing that it would cause Adam to fall from fellowship with God. Paul wrote about this account in 2 Corinthians 11:3 *"But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ."* Satan and all his angels are liars, nothing but pure liars attempting to deceive everyone even Christians and churches. Paul said, *"through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted"* meaning by deception and trickery. Satan is an anti-God and everything godly and Christian, he hates us all and seeks only to destroy all that God will allow. God said of Satan, *"And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light."* 2 Cor. 11:14 However, our watchful eyes must go farther than that because, *"Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."* 2 Cor. 11:15. These people will come in as friend and betray you into following their thinking. These satanic deceivers are everywhere appearing as loving, kind, and helpful, in their attempt to deceive.

Pastor's Thought Continue.

The Lord warned us all that these people, *"For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ."* 2 Cor. 11:13. They can appear as Christians, Ministers of the gospel of Christ, Pastors of churches, and even entire churches. This is why God warned us, *"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world."* 1 John 4:1. Jesus warned us in Matt. 24:4 - 25 *"And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many."* Therefore, we must understand that the burden falls on us to be watchful, to be sober minded, and to try the spirits that are around us. This is because they are not far from any of us, in fact wherever you live there are deceivers called churches full of lost people that call themselves Christians. How do we know, we try their spirit, and we find them preaching and believing lies about the bible. Paul said they preach another gospel, but there is not another gospel, *"Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed."* Galatians 1:7 - 9 They are subtle, they have their PhD's, they smile a lot, they are very kind, they seem to be loving, they preach to make your ears itchy, they test your fleshly mind to deceive your spiritual heart. They teach works for salvation, also baptism for salvation, as many other things for salvation, they even speak of the true gospel but only weakly and just enough to deceive you. But the Lord warned us, *"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:"* 1Pet. 5:8 We need to heed the warning of Jesus, *"Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."* Matt. 26:41 We must remember how weak and frail we are because if we think too much of ourselves we could fall prey to Satan just as Eve did.

Church information and Happenings

- Please be in much prayer for our dear brother in Christ Jerry Dodson as his time is limited.
- Please remember to be in much prayer for Brother Ronnie Henderson and Sister Sarah.