

GIJAPA



God Is Just A Prayer Away
Radio Broadcast Around the World

GOD Is Just a Prayer Away

Short Wave Radio

AFRICA:

Monday 7:00 PM
(1800 UTC) 7190 kHz on Dial

BEACON of HOPE N. AFRICA:

Sunday 8:30 PM
(1930 UTC) 6020 kHz on Dial

BIBLE VOICE EUROPE:

Sunday 8:00 AM
(0700 UTC) 5945 kHz on Dial

SRI LANKA INDIA:

Sunday 8:30 AM
(0800 UTC) 9770 kHz on Dial

BIBLE VOICE RUSSIA:

Sunday 8:00 PM
(2000 UTC) 6010 on kHz Dial

50,000 Watt Stations Every Sunday

WLW	6:30 AM	700 Dial	Cincinnati, OH
WLW	8:00 AM	700 Dial	Cincinnati, OH
KXEL	10:00 AM	1540 Dial	Waterloo, IA
WRVA	7:04 AM	1140 Dial	Richmond, VA
WRVA	9:30 PM	1140 Dial	Richmond, VA
WIBC	7:30 AM	93.1 Dial	Indianapolis, IN
WHAS	7:30 AM	840 Dial	Louisville, KY
KAAY	9:30 PM	1090 Dial	Little Rock, AR
WDOC	7:45 AM	1310 Dial	Prestonburg, KY
WWVA	9:30 PM	1170 Dial	Wheeling, WV
KDWN	10:30 PM	720 Dial	Las Vegas, NV
KRVN	10:30 PM	880 Dial	Lexington, NE

ALL CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR MINISTRY ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

July 2014 Address all mail: Ed Bousman Evangelistic Assoc., P.O. Box 511, Lynchburg, Ohio 45142-0511 Issue 7

In Memory of Roberta Bousman



Roberta Bousman, Ed's first wife passed away July 4, 1980, we at GIJAPA wish to honor and remember her by dedicating this issue of GIJAPA in her memory. She wrote the words and music to the theme song, "God Is Just A Prayer Away" for the radio broadcast. Ed searched for an appropriate song to use as a theme song and couldn't find one. Roberta said, "I'll write one." Ed said, "O.K. I started the broadcast with prayer and it will be sustained by prayer, so write something to do with prayer." You know the rest of the story as you read the words to the song; GIJAPA will begin 53 years broadcast this November 2014. Thank you for your gifts and prayers that have kept us on the airwaves, and made it possible for GIJAPA to be heard from COAST TO COAST as well as around the world!

Ezra Rosen, grandson of my son, Eric Vail; taken on a park bench in Woodland Mound Park, Anderson Twp., Cincinnati, OH. GIJAPA was not aware of the plaque on the park bench prior to this picture.

THE RICH YOUNG RULER

A rich man came and asked Jesus, "Good Master, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" This is no doubt the most important question anyone could possibly ask and this man came to the right person to ask it. I have to stop right here and now and say without going further. If you have any desire about life after this world go to the right source. The source is Jesus. The Apostle John said at the end of his account of the life of Jesus, "These things are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God and that believing ye might have life in His name." The New Testament is the last will and Testament of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ the only source of salvation. He Himself said, "No one cometh unto the Father but by Me." Not only that but Peter said, "There is therefore now none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." Some would ask, "But don't you think other religions offer the same promise?" It does not make any difference what we think. Jesus said, "All authority hath been given unto me." Now look at the question again. What good thing must I do to inherit eternal life? It was reported one time that the most frequently asked question each day is; "What time is it?" The scripture gives the best answer to that question. It is time to seek the Lord. Now this man asked, "What shall I do?" He evidently believed that you had to do something to be saved and that being rich was not the answer. He was rich. Money can buy a bed, but it cannot buy sleep. Money can buy medicine, but it cannot buy health. Money can buy a house, but it cannot buy a home. Money can buy food, but it cannot buy an appetite. So he said, "What good thing must I do to inherit eternal life?"

What good thing shall I do? Many will tell you there is nothing to do. Peter told the penitent believers on the day of Pentecost to save yourselves from this crooked generation. There is definitely something you have to do. What good thing must I do? He had the idea that if he were good enough he would inherit eternal life. Tell me about that one good thing and I will do it. There is a catch to that. The Scripture teaches that no man is good even at his best. Paul describes the human rascal in Romans when he says: "There is none righteous, no not one; there is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God; they have all turned aside, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not so much as one: Their throat is an open sepulcher: With their tongue they have used deceit: The poison of the asp is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood; destruction and misery are in their ways; and the ways of peace they have not known; there is no fear of God before their eyes." And then to cap it off Paul says, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." What good thing shall I do? It is not enough to say, be good and you will go to heaven. What little good you are and can do is not good enough. Some other remedy is needed.

Now Matthew tells us this man was rich, Mark says he was young and Luke says he was a ruler. Think of it, rich,

young and a religious leader who as it will turn out had morals that cannot be questioned. Most would say today that such a man, as this does not lack any thing. He is a shoo in for heaven just as he is. And besides all that we are told that the Lord loved him. Many say that since God loves us He would never damn anyone to hell. Here is a man of whom it actually says Jesus loved him and He is going to tell him that he lacks one thing that will keep him out of heaven. Now before the Lord answered this question, He had to set this young man straight on something. He had called Jesus good Master. Did he know what he was saying when he called Jesus good Master? Jesus reminded him that there is no one who is good but God. Are you calling Me God? Then there is another dimension to that term good. Since Jesus was made in the likeness of men and took upon Himself the form of a servant, made in the likeness of men, found in fashion as a man; what does calling Him good Master say for His life style in the flesh? Paul says, "He was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." So to call Jesus good Master is to recognize Him as living a perfect life in the flesh and also as the second member of the Godhead; Co-Creator of the universe. He is good Master both from the standpoint of His God-hood and from the standpoint of His man-hood - Good Master.

Let us look at the rich man himself. There came one running and kneeling before him, and asked him, "Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" This man who came to Jesus came on the run. Run is not usually the verb that we use to describe religious action on the part of the individual. Crawl seems to fit the action of serving the Lord in most cases. Running to Jesus is an unusual spiritual exercise. He was zealous. Not only this, but he was reverent in his approach to the Master. He ran and then kneeled before Him. Kneeling will always keep you good standing in the sight of God. Then there is something else about him, Luke tells us, that this rich man was a ruler. He was a religious leader. Now think about that. He was religious, devout, zealous, a faithful worshipper and yet something is missing. He wants to know what he must do to have eternal life. Do you know anyone like that? A person who is in services every Sunday, but something is missing. He reminds me of the church member who fell asleep in a haystack and the haystack caught on fire. This church member awakened and said, "I always did think I was going to hell." What must I do to inherit eternal life? He knew he needed to do something. He was on the right track. No one can be saved until he realizes he is lost. One man wrote one time and said he got lost listening to this program while driving and drove forty miles out of the way. Actually that is what we are trying to do. We want everyone who listens to this broadcast to realize they are lost as they travel the broad way that leadeth to destruction where there are many that enter in thereby and turn off on the narrow road that leads to life. The answer of Jesus was very simple. According to Mark, Jesus told him, "Thou knowest the commandments." Jesus knew this man was not ignorant. The Lord says you already know my word. You know the commands. The Rich Young Ruler is like a lot of people. They cannot plead ignorance. They know the demands of the word of God. To him that knoweth to do

good and doeth it not to him it is sin. The rich young ruler wanted to know what one thing he needed to do. "Jesus, tell me that one thing and I will do it." Jesus told him to do six things. Honor thy father and thy mother, Thou shalt not kill. Thou shalt not commit adultery. Thou shalt not bear false witness. Thou shalt not steal. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy self. Some today may ask the same question: What one thing shall I do to inherit eternal life? They are surprised to find out that it is not just one thing, but six things are involved in the salvation process. Faith comes by hearing, then believing, repentance, confession, immersion for the remission of sins, then faithfulness unto death. Do all six things if thou wouldst enter into life. Some still persist what one thing shall I do? Shall I believe and leave off the repentance? Shall I repent and leave off the baptism? Shall I believe and repent and leave off the baptism. Shall I be baptized and leave off the repentance? What one thing shall I do to be saved? Jesus said sell all you have. In one sense today many have gone and sold all they have. They have sold the people on the idea that the church is a playground and not a battleground. No longer is the advice of Paul heard; "Put on the whole armor of God," but put on your picnic clothes for services on Sunday, and don't dare dress that way for business on Monday. Many have been sold on the idea that if the loaf and the cup won't draw the attendance of the faithful: coffee, donuts, and hot chocolate will. Some sell all even to the extent of selling out the Lord. What good thing and what one thing shall I do? Jesus told him to go and sell that which he had and give to the poor and come follow Me. Jesus did not tell everyone who came to Him to give up everything. Zacchaeus said, "Lord, I will give you fifty per cent, the half of my goods I give to the poor. Lord, I will give half of all I have." Jesus said, "Sounds like a good deal; I'll take it." The reason the Lord told this rich man to give everything was because this rich man did not have any money, the money he thought he had, had him and spiritual surgery was needed to save his life. With him it was all or nothing at all. No matter who you are salvation is going to cost you something. What is there in your life that stands like a stonewall, that you are not willing to give up that will keep you out of Heaven? Remember Jesus told the Apostles that it was easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. It seems that it is impossible for a rich man, poor man, beggar man, thief to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven as far as men are concerned, but with God all things are possible. The only way for a rich man or any man can go to Heaven is by an act of God. That act of God is the gospel of Jesus Christ. Paul said that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation. But even an act of God could not move this man to obey, he went away sorrowful. We refer to an earthquake as an act of God and there is a lot of power in an earthquake. An earthquake had enough power to postpone a World Series ball game for one day in California.

Sermon Continued August 2014



RESTORATION ACRES JULY 21-24, 2014 HILLSBORO, OHIO

LETTERS

Dear Sister Naomi,

I pray this letter finds you in good health and spirit. I received a Bible and Bible studies from you almost a year ago and have learned more from the Bible and studies than I have in my whole 59 years. I listen to the broadcast, "God Is Just A Prayer Away" every Sunday at 9:30 PM on 1090 on dial KAAV Little Rock, AR and wouldn't miss it for anything. Again, I thank you for helping me get closer to our Father in Heaven.

God bless, Noah incarcerated in Grady, AR

Greetings, I am writing you not just for myself but for several others as well. See myself and the others listed in this letter we are all currently in jail in TX. We would love to please in the name of Jesus receive a Bible. Also please pray for all of us we all are believers and some of us at least see the error of our ways and we all are trying to live peacefully and repent. I'm sure God will lead you to know how to pray for each and every one of us. I praise God for you. May He bless you richly for what you are doing.

Rachelle from Galveston County Jail, Galveston, TX

Sister Naomi,

First and foremost may God continue to bless you and the ministry of GIJAPA. I've been doing your studies for over two years now and I needed to thank you for your time of helping everyone that reaches out to you. My wife, Debra has seen the change within me and I thank you for without these studies and encouragement, my wife wouldn't have believed the change, but now she does!!! Thank you and continue what the Lord has already planned for you to do.

Sincerely, Al from Livingston, TX

Dear Sister Naomi,

I just started doing Bible studies and it's helped me out a lot. I thank you so much for my Bible, it helps me out with my walk in Christ. Each day after dinner, me and my cell mates have church and prayer and God has moved a lot as well when we have church Mondays. We are so blessed as people come and go leaving a changed life. My biggest testimony is when I first came in jail my last words to my father was, "I hate him and I wasn't going to show up at his funeral." I came in jail and got my Bible and first thing I read when I opened it was, "Honor thy mother and your

father”, I asked God to forgive me and I wrote my father and told him how sorry I was and now me and my father have the best relationship. I thank God for working in my life through the Bible you sent me; please keep your good faith and all you do for us here in prison.

James, Galveston, TX

Dear Naomi,

This is Rashaud from Galveston. I started receiving Bible studies and a Bible from you (God Is Just a Prayer Away program) three months ago and I learned more in my last three months than my whole life. I will be leaving Galveston real soon and I was wondering if it would be too much of a problem to send my grades and certificates to my wife? I ask you to keep me, my wife and daughters in your prayers. I have plans when I get out to be a youth minister if God wills it. Thank you and God bless you, Mrs. Naomi.

Dear brothers and sisters,

On Monday 16th May 2011, Ed Bousman died at his home. We give thanks to God for him. Ed Bousman will be remembered with love by thousands of non Christian and Christians around the world forever. These are the words our Lord Jesus Christ, said to Ed Bousman on 16th May 2011: “Well done, good and faithful servant... come and share your master’s happiness.” (Matthew 25:21)

John Maseka, Evangelist of Messenger Church of Christ in Zambia. (I received this letter too late to put it in the June issue of GIJAPA)

Once again thank you, Naomi and to all your staff for my Bible and lessons while in Galveston County Jail. I got a letter from my wife Randi and I was very touched when she told me she had been reading a Bible. You have impacted my life and many more. I greatly thank you all for my Bible and could you please send my wife a Bible and the studies?

Thank you, Chriss, TX

Dear Sister Naomi,

We do hope you are fine in health, we always pray for you for that, beloved sister Naomi. How is your dear daughter? Our God is great. It is great to receive from you. We have today received two boxes of used clothing and we thank you so much in The Lord. Our attendance keeps increasing these days and we are glad. I will post some pictures to you next week. Recently, two Muslim families have been converted and that is great. We have been teaching them for long. Please keep on praying for us. Thanks sister.

Alexander Ofori, a servant of The Most High God. Minister London Corner Church of Christ, The Gambia, W Africa

Hi Madame Naomi!

Thank you for the two boxes of used clothing for our poor Church members. It’s raining now here, but tomorrow I am scheduled to speak in an special occasion wherein I expect some 40 invited individuals. I will let you know on this soon this week or next week Thank you & God Bless. Regards to Madame Melanie & Family. Pray by now she is doing pretty well after her auto accident as we are interceding for her in our local churches. I will make a report to you soon. We are praying for GIJAPA. Regards & take care!

Ed Domingo, Minister Sunset Beach Church of Christ, Philippines

Dear Beloved Sister, Naomi Bousman

Sister, thank you very much for your love and prayers for our ministry needs and developments here in India. There are number of poor students are ready for their school reopens. There are poor street children are in need of clothes. Please pray and if you can help for the students clothes they would be blessed with much love and prayers

Alphonse Garbhapu minister Calvary Church of Christ, Srikakulam India



Return Service Requested

Lynchburg, Ohio 45142

P.O. Box 511

Evangelistic Association, Inc.

ED BOUSMAN

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage Paid
Hillsboro, OH 45133
Permit No. 27