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FORTY-FOURTH YEAR BEGINS

On the third Sunday of November the forty-fourth year of GIJAPA begins. If we are alive at the end of this year, if the terrorists don't blow us up, if the Lord does not return, if the bubonic plague does not wipe us out, if America can survive another year, and if hurricanes, floods and tornadoes don't drown or blow us away; when the year is ended, half of my life will have been spent broadcasting the gospel of Christ on the airwaves.

John F. Kennedy was president when we started and then Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford who said he was a Ford not a Lincoln, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George Bush the first, Bill Clinton and then George Bush the second.

At the beginning of the first half of my life, Woodrow Wilson was president, then Warren Harding, Calvin Coolidge, Herbert Hoover, Franklin Roosevelt who was president for thirteen years, Harry Truman, and Dwight Eisenhower.

There were only seven presidents during the first half of my life and ten during the last half. During the first half the tail end of World War One, the roaring twenties and Al Capone, Charles Lindburg who flew across the Atlantic in 1927, the stock market crash of 1929, the Great Depression, John Dillinger, World War Two, Gone With The Wind which I saw four times and never want to see again, the Korean War, the beginning of the interstate, and I think the conquering of polio was in there somewhere. All in all it was a very exciting time. I wish you could have been there. In retrospect I can say I enjoyed every minute of it.

In the last half of my life was the assassination of Kennedy, Vietnam War, the landing on the moon, the end of segregation, the Gulf War, something called nine eleven, and the sex change. Women now are called guys along with

men. What ever happened to guys and gals? There are no more gals. Actually their gender and physical construction does not permit gals to be called guys. They simply do not qualify. As I look back over both halves I truly believe the most exciting thing of the last 44 years will have been GIJAPA.

Golden Moments Communion Meditation

In the first chapter of Revelation the Apostle John said, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet saying, 'What thou seest write in a book and send to the seven churches.'" Then he said, "I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And having turned I saw seven golden candlesticks; and in the midst of the candlesticks one like unto a son of man." Jesus identified the candlesticks to John as seven churches. In the second chapter Jesus revealed that He walks in the midst of the candlesticks - He walks in the midst of His churches.

It should be obvious to the Christian that when Jesus wanted to symbolize the church with something, He chose the element that is most precious to man, the element is gold. Everything about the church is precious to Jesus. The Christian needs to look upon the church as Fort Knox. The church is the Lord's greatest treasure on this earth.

With this in mind should not the Christian look upon the first day of the week as the day with the golden opportunity to observe the Lord's Supper as we eat of the bread and drink of the cup. Is there any other event that can compare with it? Especially is this true when we note that the Holy Spirit speaking through the Apostle Peter tells us that we are not redeemed with corruptible things such as silver and gold, from our vain manner of life handed down from our fathers; but with precious blood, as of a Lamb, without blemish and without spot, even the blood of Christ.

WE HAVE A GOD WHO CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN

During the riot in the city of Ephesus, Paul had been accused of saying there are no gods made with hands. The people of Ephesus had filled the theatre and cried for two solid hours, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians." When the town clerk got their attention, he said: "Ye men of Ephesus, what man is there who knoweth not that the city of the Ephesians, is temple keeper of the great Diana, and of the image which fell down from Jupiter?"

The town clerk had the right idea about god. He said their god had come down from Jupiter the father of the gods. He did indeed have the right idea about god, but the wrong theology. Personally I would not give a nickel for a religion that did not come down from heaven. Actually as Christians we do have a God who came down to us out of heaven.

In the book of Acts chapter 14, the people of the city of Lystra were sure that God had come down out of heaven in the persons of Paul and Barnabas. Paul had commanded a man crippled from his mother's womb to stand up and walk. He was healed and leaped up and walked. When the people saw what happened they were sure that the gods had come down to them in the likeness of men. They wanted to offer sacrifices unto these two gods in the likeness of men. They called Barnabas Jupiter, the father of the gods, and Paul Mercury, the messenger of the gods. Before I tell you what Paul said, I must first tell you what one evangelist said on television. As he entered into an auditorium and walked down the aisle, someone asked, "Are you Jesus?" The evangelist answered, "I am not saying I am and I am not saying I am not." Now listen to what Paul and Barnabas said. They rent their garments and said, "Why do ye these things? We are also men of like passions with you and bring you good tidings that you should turn from these vain things unto the living God who made the heavens and the earth."

Paul and Barnabas knew that a God had come down out of heaven and they also knew they were not that God. There was a God who came down out of heaven in the likeness of men so that we once again might become men in the likeness of God.

Let the Apostle John in the sixth chapter tell us what happened. And they said, "Is not this Jesus the son of Joseph whose father and mother we know?" How then doth He now say, "I AM COME DOWN OUT OF HEAVEN!"

We have a Savior that came down out of heaven. But that is not all. Listen to what Jesus told the Apostles in His farewell address in John 16. "I came out from the Father and am come into the world: again, I leave the world and go unto the Father." We not only have a God who came down out of

heaven, but a God that after He came down out of heaven went back up into heaven.

But that is not all. This Jesus who came down out of heaven and went back into heaven told the Apostles if I go I come again. Now think of that. We have a God who came down out of heaven, and then went back into heaven and then that same God said He is going to come down again out of heaven. But again that is not all. When this God who came down out of heaven and went back into heaven comes again out of heaven, He will take us up into heaven and we shall ever be with the Lord. This is the very essence of our faith. Listen to that again. We have a God who came down out of heaven, then went back into heaven; a God who will come again out of heaven and then take us back to heaven. And when I think of that I have to say, "Heaven came down and glory filled my soul." (From the Sermon Great is Diana. E.B.)



ONLY A SHADOW BETWEEN

Communion Meditation

Jesus said in John 8:51 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, if a man keep My word, he shall, he shall never see death."

Jesus meant exactly what He said. The person who keeps His word shall not see death. Everybody dies; even the Christian, but the Christian won't see it.

Evidently at the moment life in this world ends we are in eternity immediately, as quickly as the blink of an eye. We shut our eyes at the moment of death, and open them in glory. Death happened and we did not even see it just like Jesus said. In an old hymn book I found these lines:

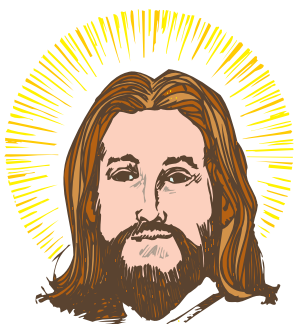
"I have a home in a fair summer land – It's beauties I have never seen. I have a place on an evergreen strand – And there is only a shadow between.

Jesus has promised a home to prepare – Through faith on this promise I lean. I have a mansion that's wondrously fair – And there is only a shadow between.

When I have finished my task here below. I will pass through this shadowy screen – And be with the ransomed forever I know – And there is only a shadow between.

Only a shadow – A shadow between. Only a shadow between. Just one step to go – And the ways all aglow – For there is only a shadow between.

So remember the promise that Jesus has given, as we eat of the loaf and drink of the cup: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, if a man keep My word, he shall never see death."



LETTERS FROM LISTENERS:



Dear Ed,

Thank you very much for sending the Bible and the study materials. It in fact made me very happy and I'm able to know about Jesus more and more. You have systematically arranged the study materials which gives me a good knowledge about the Bible. May God bless you all in your great ministry. I'm glad to continue my studies. I eagerly wait for the next lessons. If you have any other books that let me to know about Jesus more and more do send it to me. (I reminded this person that after completing the 30 lessons a set of my 3-NT Sermon Books would be sent.)

Pradeep from Eluru, India

My greetings to you and your dedicated ministry in the living name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I am very happy when I heard about your ministry. There are few people like you who perform the ministry with every effort of the kingdom of God in present day.

I am the president and founder of TRUTH EVANGELISM ministry. The Lord has been faithful to us giving us grace to be focused and object unto the service and be of living water for the hungry at this stage of deception. We are in for evangelism outreach diligently spreading the gospel as task to the believer bringing the lost souls to Christ. Beloved, there are request of Christ material for living water for those who thirst by our newly converts who could not afford to buy Bibles, we request Bibles and books, etc. for converts. So please try to send Bibles to our evangelism ministry for the work of the ministry. I will personally like to have one large print Bible. There is peace and joy that is unknown to the world. It flows directly from the throne of God to the people of faith. This peace and joy cannot be provided by man but is the peace of joy of God. Our heavenly father will surely reward you.

Yours winning the lost, Bob from Nigeria, W. Africa

Dear Bousman,

Thank you very much for your precious gift of the Holy Bible, which I received last week. I do have other versions of the Bible also. Well, I do listen to your broadcast on radio Sri Lanka every Sunday. However at the moment I'm not prepared to study the first 5 lessons of 30 Studies in the Bible. Frankly I prefer to study your "Principles of Christian Living" if you can favor me. Would you kindly ask Martha & Bob Feathers to send me 4 cassette tapes? God bless.

Yours gratefully from Shri from Meghalaya, India

Dear Bro. Ed & Sister Naomi,

Please be notified of our new address as stated above so as not to miss any of the Bible Studies, tapes, GIJAPA newsletters and etc. Sincere thanks and gratitude for your loving concern for our eternal well being. Our prayers for GIJAPA never cease. May the Lord bless you beyond measure for your sacrificial giving to His glory. Thank you for your consistent faithfulness and please bear with us, as we

are indeed hard pressed in settling down at our tiny little God-given home. Please supply us with the name in which a small thanksgiving offering can be made out to. Is it GIJAPA or Ed Bousman? We will be delighted to be able to give something even if it's worth a few crumbs that the gracious Lord can multiply. Please allow us this little privilege, it would give us great joy to do so.

Sincerely in Christ, Errol & Janice from Mumbai, India (Weekly listeners to Sri Lanka GIJAPA Radio Broadcast)

Dear Christian Program,

I am one of your listeners in your radio station. I'm very interested to listen about the word of God. Teaching is a big pleasure to my heart. I am Filipino worker live in United Arab Emirates. As a Christian it's too hard for me to serve the Lord because here is Muslim country. I just write in your radio program coz I will have some leaflets of word of God and I wish to have own Bible for studying also. That is a big help to my spiritual life to grow up and I will enroll in your correspondence Bible Course. Thanks a lot and mower power in this radio station. God bless you all.

Your listener Shiela from Al-Ain, United Arab Emirates

Dear Ed Bousman,

It's your listener and reader-Igor. I write to tell you that I have got your newsletters, "God Is Just A Prayer Away", and I still listen to your broadcast on short wave. The reception is good here. I also got your Bible Dictionary that you sent it's a big help for me to understand some special and rare words from Holy Bible. Thank you for everything. I don't think it's reality for such a weak simple boy as I am to help others, but if you help me I can help three good persons that I have met this year. They are not Christians and I want to work with them to know the truth. Please go on helping me to read your newsletters. Pray so that God will open all the truth to me. You are a very, very good teacher, so I am changing because of it. I hope your fine voice will still be heard on short wave for a very long time. God bless you and your family.

Igor from Byelorussia (He listens to Bible Voice Russia)

Dear Ed Bousman,

I wish you and you family well as the Church as a whole a blessed and prosperous year. Many thanks for sending me your audiotapes and the newsletters and not forgotten your volumes of the New Testament Sermons. Please extend my greetings and thanks to Pinehurst Christian Church tape ministry for their audiotapes too. Please I am in my senior secondary school and I am offering science course. In school my life turned upside down, I stopped reading my Bible; I found it difficult to understand when teacher teaches. I also stopped attending Church and the most painful things were that I was suspended for two weeks for reasons that I have no idea how it happened. I thought the school authorities hated me as well as God also hates me. During this time, I received your New Testament Sermons. When I started to read the volume one, I felt

something strange in me. The words were reflecting in my life, it was also like you know what was happening to me and you were advising me. There I realize God was talking to me through you. I thank God and now I am trying as much as possible to follow those ways that He wants me to follow. I have also joined a prayer group. May the almighty God bless those who assist you and also bless you and Mrs. Naomi.

Your friend in Christ, Desmond from Ghana, W. Africa
(Desmond has completed the 30 lessons Studies in the Bible, received his certificate, 3-NT Sermon books and 4 audio tapes from the Feathers from the Pinehurst Christian Church in Marietta, OH that assist GIJAPA in this tape ministry by providing the tapes and postage to mail them to those that complete their lessons).

Dear Mr. Bousman,

Hello my name is Dustin. I am currently incarcerated in the Arkansas Dept. of Corrections. A couple of my friends have told me that I might could get a good Bible if I wrote you. It would be a really big help if I could and I would appreciate it greatly.

I am trying to change my life for the better this time instead of the worse. This is my third time in prison and I am only 23 years old. Well I figure you get plenty of letters and got more to read so I won't just ramble on. Thanks for listening and God bless you!

Sincerely, Dustin

Dear Brother and Sister Ed & Naomi Busman,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Yesterday I received two copies of GOD IS JUST A PRAYER AWAY periodical for July and August. I would like to continue to receive the same every month.

Thank you very much for sending a sermon by e-mail every week. It is really helpful to me. I learnt a lot about the word of God from these sermons. Now I will be able to teach others. In West Bengal there is no Christian Church/Church of Christ according to the New Testament pattern. I will be the first person who will be taking the truth to my Nepali speaking people. Please pray for my family. I would also like to enroll myself for correspondence course.

James from West Bengal, India

Dear Ed,

I have not heard your broadcast on UK short wave for several years. I first heard you when you were preaching the High Adventure Ministry. However, I was turned into the wavelength that is used by overseas evangelists when I heard your sermon.

I was pleased to hear you again and I enjoyed the way you brought the sermon to life. Being a regular listener to these programmes I hope to hear you again. I take it that you broadcast at the same time between 9-10 a.m. UK time?

Yours sincerely, Ian from England

We also received RECEPTION REPORT from Pan American Broadcast that the GOD IS JUST A PRAYER AWAY broadcast is being heard in Vilnius, Lithuania by way of our Bible Voice Europe program. Also in Lucca, Italy by way of Bible Voice Russia and in Como, Italy by way of Bible Voice Middle East. Thank you for your continued support in making all of the above mentioned broadcast throughout the world.

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