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WWVA	9:30 PM	1170 Dial	Wheeling, WV

**Saturday**

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Issue 2

**REMEMBER ME**

**Communion Meditation**

In the gospel according to Luke 23:42 one of the thieves that was crucified with Jesus said: "Jesus, remember me when thou comest into thy Kingdom." This thief wanted to be remembered by Jesus after He died.

The dying thief expressed a desire that is common to us all. We all want Jesus to remember us. Jesus remembered me when I heard the gospel, and became a Christian. Jesus has remembered me many times when I pray for forgiveness unto the Father in the name of Jesus of whom Paul said, "For there is one God, one mediator also between God and man, himself man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all."

Jesus has remembered me in many dangers of which I have been unaware. He remembered me in wrecks, and operations when life on this planet hung in the balance.

We also want Jesus to remember us, and include us in the number that is caught up to meet Jesus in the air when He returns, and we want Him to remember to inscribe our names in the Lamb's Book of Life.

The thief wanted to be remembered, we want to be remembered, and there is another who wants to be remembered; His name is Jesus, because He said regarding the Lord's Supper, when we eat the bread, it is His body which was broken for you, "This do in remembrance of Me." He said the same thing about drinking the cup; "Do this in remembrance of Me." It is said a total of five times in Matthew, Mark, and 1st Corinthians. THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

I think it is a fair question to ask, "How can we expect Jesus to remember us if we forget to remember Him most of the time because of other things that are far more important to us?" There is a song that says:

*Lest I forget Gethsemane; Lest I forget thine agony;  
Lest I forget Thy love for me, Lead me to Calvary.  
Jesus said: REMEMBER ME!*

**THE VALUE OF A SHEEP**

In Matthew chapter twelve Jesus asked: "How much is a man of more valuable than a sheep?" This question was not asked during a visit to the stockyards, but at the worship service in a synagogue. It is a soul searching, question, so let us see if we can figure it out.

**WORTH MORE PHYSICALLY**

A sheep may be worth quite a bit when sold. A prize horse or bull may be worth hundreds, or even thousands of dollars. How much are you worth? I remember in biology class in High School back in the thirties, the teacher said that all the elements of the body are found in the ground, such things as iron, copper, sulphur, copper, salt, and various other elements, and if you put them in a little pile, and sell them, the human body would be worth about ninety-eight cents. While we freely admit that because of inflation you might be worth several dollars now. Remember the dollars are inflated, so the ninety-eight cents of the thirties is a more realistic worth of your body. You may strut around in a seven hundred dollar suit, but you are only worth ninety-eight cents. You may tool around in a thirty thousand dollar car, but you are only worth ninety-eight cents. If you have a billion dollars, your body is only worth ninety-eight cents.

Now are you worth more than a sheep? The monetary value of the body is not the only way to look at it. A sheep has to walk around on four legs. You can stand upright. You have the advantage on the sheep. You have fingers, and can use your hands, and drive a car, eat with a knife and fork. Physically you are worth more than a sheep. Then again you are worth more than a sheep intellectually.

**WORTH MORE INTELLECTUALLY**

A sheep cannot think like a person. A sheep cannot invent a recorder, a computer, and a radio, play ball, go to

school, and attend services, and a zillion other things. Some animals are smart of course, I heard of a dog one time that was taught to play checkers. One fellow didn't believe the dog could play checkers, and went to check him out. He went in the house where the dog lived, and after a while came out. Some one said to him; "How about that checker-playing dog isn't he smart?" The other fellow said, "Oh he is not all that smart. I played him three games, and beat him two out of three."

How much is a man of more value than a sheep? He is of more value physically, intellectually, and also more valuable than a sheep morally.

### **WORTH MORE MORALLY**

A sheep or any other animal for that matter has no morals. He doesn't need any; he is an animal. Because of the teaching of evolution many regard themselves as animals, so they act like animals morally. They also resort to violence like animals; it is the survival of the fittest. Their attitude is, if someone has something you want—take it. That may be the reason some humans regard themselves as animals. Animals will not have to appear before God on the Judgment Day. It must be somewhat comfortable to think of themselves as animals. They don't consider themselves responsible in the sight of God.

A horse may be turned out to stud. He may be bred to many mares. No one regards him as a bigamist, or as immoral. He is an animal. How much are you worth? Sin devalues a human; in the mind of millions of modern man, an unborn baby is worthless. How much are you worth? You are worth more than a sheep physically, morally, intellectually, and now in conclusion.

### **CONCLUSION**

Here is the question of Jesus again: How much is a man of more value than a sheep? Jesus said in Matthew 16:26 "For what shall a man be profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul, or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Every human being has an eternal, ever living, never dying soul; and we all will be just as conscious a thousand years from now as we are at this moment; so you are more valuable than an animal.

Now let us take another look at the man with the withered hand. After Jesus healed him, the Pharisees went out and took council how they might destroy him. Why would they want to kill Jesus for healing a man with a withered hand? If you want a simple answer; Jesus said in John 15:25 "They hated me without a cause." This should give us concern because Jesus explained why the world would hate us in John 15:18. "If the world hated you, ye know that it hath hated Me before it hated you." And then John said in his 1st epistle 3:13: "Marvel not if the world hates you." Jesus told the apostles in His farewell address in John 16:2 "Yea, the hour cometh, that whosoever kills you shall think that he offers service to God." Some hate us so much they will blow themselves up to kill us.

When Jesus saw they were trying to kill him, He departed, and Matthew explains why when He cited the prophecy of Isaiah; "Behold my servant whom I have

chosen; My beloved in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my Spirit upon him, and he shall declare judgment unto the Gentiles. He shall not strive, nor cry aloud; neither shall any one hear his voice in the street. A bruised reed shall He not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till He send forth judgment unto victory. And in His name shall the Gentiles hope."

Jesus avoided all unnecessary confrontation with His enemies, because His hour was not yet come; at least three times He said mine hour is not yet come. In Matthew 26:45 He announced to Peter, James, and John, "Behold the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners."

Nothing must interfere for him to complete his program of the cross, resurrection, ascension, and establishment of the church on the day of Pentecost. This would be the hour when Jesus will send forth judgment unto victory.

How much then is a man of more value than a sheep? God considered a man of such value that He bankrupted heaven for his salvation. Peter tells us: "We were redeemed not with corruptible things, with silver or gold, but with precious blood, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot, even the blood of Christ."

The New Testament, which is the New Covenant, was activated on the day of Pentecost ten days after the death, burial, resurrection, and the ascension of Christ to heaven where He sat down at the right hand of the Father. The Apostles spoke that day as the Holy Spirit gave them utterance, and when that message was preached, those who heard it, believed it, and realized they had crucified the Lord, cried out, "What must we do?" Peter told those who believed they needed to repent, and be baptized every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Every time a sinner submits to these terms: judgment is sent forth unto victory. The gospel of the death, burial and resurrection is the New Covenant of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. And that is why it is called the New Testament. So it is written, so let it be done.



## **LETTERS FROM LISTENERS**

Everyone here is fine but the dry season is still blowing seriously we are praying for you everyday. Today we have 5 household coming to our house to listen to Ed's sermon translation program. They preferred to be at our house because they will feel comfortable there. We thank them for making the load less for us; no carrying of recorders, bags etc. pray for us that we have some souls tonight

*Thanks and may God bless you  
Ike and Lee*

Dear Sir,

While in Myanmar (Burma) I was able to hear one of your "God Is Just AS Prayer Away" radio broadcast on shortwave and I thought you might be interested to know

how it can be heard here. I heard you via Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation in Colombo. Maybe it is possible to check the details of my report with your program notes and if they agree you could confirm that I really did hear your radio broadcast? Thank you very much for your interest your time and trouble is highly appreciated. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

*Yours sincerely, Manfred from Philippines*

Dear Mr. Ed Bousman,

I hope this letter finds you doing well. As for myself I'm doing well. I'm writing you in regards to Bible study courses and a Bible. A friend here told me to write to you and you would take care of me. So I see that I'm sending this letter to Lynchburg, OH. I myself am an Ohio native. I just got with the wrong people, so here I am serving 5-20 years sentence for robbery. I was born in Cincinnati but mostly raised in Hamilton, Ohio. I sure wish the Bengal's would play better, but the Bengal's are the least of my problems right now. It was great to write you and I wait to hear from you. I have a younger brother who got his own self in a jam maybe you can send him a Bible and some Bible Study lessons for me also. He needs it too. He's 22 and I'm 24.

*God bless Christopher from Men's prison in Dermott, AR*

Dear Brother and Sister,

Greetings in the name of our mighty Saviour and redeemer Lord Jesus Christ. We are getting your newsletter regularly and we are very happy reading it. Your writings brother Ed, are different from the gospel of prosperity that is being taught by many. In fact in the New Testament the disciples used to preach in the morning and spend the nights in jail. In between a lot of Christians lost their properties and lives in NT. Please pray for India and its 1 billion people. Only 3-1 are Christians (official). The preachers most of the time speaks to the rest of the 3-1 mentioned in May newsletter. This is not taking us anywhere. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2008 from our family. Brother, kindly do correct one mistake that has crept into our address.

*Yours in His service. Gandhi not Grandhi from India*

Brother Bousman,

Thank you fro the beautiful Bible and all the Bible studies. I immediately applied myself. Sir, I have learned more with the first five studies than I have during my whole life. I am 40 years old. You never get too old to learn. Again thank you. Keep spreading God's word! God bless you, in all you do.

*Brother Green, Men's Prison in Brikey's, AR*

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am Jeremiah and 34 years old, I have written this letter to ask if it's possible for me to study the Bible—the Word of God—with your organization? I need to be helped so that I can know the truth about the word of God. It it's possible you can write to the above address telling

me in details what I need to do so that I can be one of your students. I will be grateful if you accept my request. May God bless you.

*Yours faithfully, Jeremiah from Zimbabwe, S. Africa*

Dear Ed & Naomi

Please find enclose a few dollars to cover postage for I know how expensive postage is these days. GIJAPA SPENT \$58,015.00 for POSTAGE). I hope you are both well. I noted in one of your earlier print-outs that you had a break-in. I am sorry to hear about it and trust you have both fully recovered. (That was Ike & Lee, GIJAPA'S helpers in Africa). I still tune in regularly to your Sunday UK broadcast—Bible Voice Europe—for your sincere approach to God's word is what I like the most. Long may your radio mission continue? We are fast approaching the day of the birth of our Lord, (We don't know when Jesus was born, He never told us in His Word), and it fills me with hope and gladness that the Christ Child took human form to prove to all mankind that He is the son of man and during His stay on earth did all of those wonderful things to show that He is the true Messiah. God bless you both.

*Ian from Merton Park, England*

Dear Mr. Bousman,

Please find enclosed a small tithe check in the amount of \$4.00. I know it isn't much but then again I'm in prison, what else can I say? I think your organization (GIJAPA) is doing a wonderful work for the Church reaching out to we who are in prison.

*Sincerely,*

*Berney from Brickeys, AR*

Comments - From 1976 thru 1984 I was serving two congregations in the Versailles, Oh area. Each Sunday morning the radio woke me to the opening strains of "God is Just a Prayer Away", on WLW. In those days the radio told me where I should be in my daily (as well as Sunday) grooming and preparation for the day. GIJAPA, the Wesleyan Hour, Radio Bible Class, Lutheran Vespers, and I should be on the way to my first preaching assignment.

While I had some disagreement with your theology on baptism, I nevertheless enjoyed and was inspired by the theme song. It was the era when your "It is written..." series at the beginning of the program ALWAYS included, "both went down into the water, both Peter and the eunuch..."

I left the ministry in '84, in part due to "church politics", but have remained a Lutheran ever since.

A few years back I met a colleague in a Columbus, OH church, who also has a program on WRFD. When I went to the WRFD website, I saw they now carry GIJAPA. Then the theme song came back to me, and I looked for your website - and here it is. While I am pleased to be able to listen to your theme any time online, I have dial-up internet at home. I listened to it for about 30 minutes one evening: God i.....s just.....a.....prayer away.....I think you get the picture. Would it be possible to have a copy of the

theme (cassette, CD, or even vinyl) sent to me? I would gladly pay for it. The melody keeps playing over and over in my head; and the words are so calming for me.

*Thank-you, David from Oregon, OH*

TO: GIJAPA. KIND ATTN: Mr. ED BOUSMAN & NAOMI and Team.

Hi. I'm Mr. Herculean M. who is on your Mailing List, and I'm wishing you all a very Happy Christmas season and Happy New Year 2008. I also listen to your Radio relays to S. Asia—Colombo, Sri Lanka. Thanks for all the Bible Commentaries and Bible and Certificates after completing various Bible courses. I also wish Ed on his 89th B'day, for his 65 years of ministry and for 46th year of Radio ministry. My dad just turned 81 and he was employed by the British even as a teenager in a Military hospital to treat the War wounded during WWII. That was in 1944 in Bombay. My mom left for the heavenly abode in 1996. She was a kid in 1944 when the Japs bombed the Royal Navy's FORT STYKINE near her harbour side house. God saved her then.

You can send me some books on the Bible. Give my regards to Pinehurst Cassette Ministry as they have sent tapes to me.

*Mr. HERCULEAN; Maharashtra, India*

Dear Mr. Bousman,

Just a quick note letting you how very much I enjoy your radio broadcast on Sunday mornings. I live in Indianapolis, IN and have been enjoying your program about 2 months now. It is quite important for me to get out of bed each Sunday and have quiet time with our Lord as I listen to your message. It really all started by just a fluke. I was in the middle of a difficult time in my life, having to sell my home and trying to find a way to make life work again. I decided to turn my troubles over to the Lord and just simply prayed for him to lead me out of the difficulty. My prayer was with conviction and asked in the name of Jesus. Believe me, there is no way I could

have seen the end result without guidance from God. Not only did He lead me out of the difficulty, He put into place all of the people necessary to make the sale of my home move swiftly and the answer as to where I would settle, a much better place than I could have imagined available to me when I was consumed with my troubles. So many blessings have entered my life since asking for His help and I have never been more happy in my life. I so look forward to each and every day and hope that my life will touch others and lead them to Christ our Lord.

I found your show early one stormy October morning. I was up early to pack and clean my old home and pulled into the driveway on that dark and wet morning. Something told me to just sit in my truck and wait for the rain to subside. Just as I did your radio show started. I listened because of the intro to your show. It reminded me of days spent with my grandparents, simple people that always seemed to have everything that they needed in life as well as happiness and good fortune. As I listened my heart opened up and a great release came over me. It provided me the strength needed to overcome the task at hand and soon my move was completed. I'll never forget that morning. Since then, I have told several other people about your show including my mother. Thank you for your message and form of delivery, it truly in an inspiration.

*Love in Christ, Wes from WIBC, Indianapolis, IN*

Greetings,

I was referred by a preacher who I think is a true servant of God. He told me you were instrumental in him leaving the Pentecostal Church and becoming a part of the Church of Christ, he now is a preacher of a Church of Christ in Roanoke, VA. Anyway he told me he thought you all offered lessons. If so, I would like to know how to obtain a list and how I can order one.

*God Bless You, Dan*



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