

PROGRAM 94 TEASER

Seems like I was just 20. Now I'm an old dude. Hey, calendar, you've got to be kidding!?! Oh, you're not—kidding, that is? Life really is a vapor? Blink of an eye? And as the years fly by, the wings that carry them grow larger and fly faster. How foolish then for those who call ourselves Christians to live for stuff that rusts and rots. But wait! Christ says that souls live forever – with Him in heaven or without Him in hell. And He offers you and me the call of a lifetime—to be an ambassador for His Majesty, King Jesus, and tell family, friends and world how to get acquainted with Him. Now that makes living worthwhile! His Majesty's Ambassadors! Wow! Hear me out – on More Than Talk.

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His Majesty's Ambassadors

PAGE 1 A Royal Commission

“That they may know from the rising of the sun to its setting that there is none besides Me. I am the LORD, and there is no other.” Isaiah 45:6

Idolatry reigned supreme! Men worshiped sticks and stones and dead mens' bones. Each people group had its own set of gods that it followed - not knowing that holding the strings of all the puppet gods was the master puppeteer - Satan himself. Then God - the one true and living God - spoke to Israel at Sinai. They would have no other gods and they would witness to all nations that only the Creator - Jehovah Himself - was to be feared and revered! The fullness of this truth was revealed in the Messiah who came in the flesh as the Way, the Truth and the Life. And the Great Commission was not a soft suggestion but a solemn command: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Today's world is like yesterday's - corrupt and filled with the chorus of "Every person to his/her own god, own choice, own life-style." That's why we who know the Lord will not be popular and must be prepared to suffer when we declare: "There is only one God, one Savior and one way. The Guarantor of eternal life is not Buddha, Confucius, Mohammed or any other man or supposed deity. Thus saith the Lord!"

That's what the awesome God of heaven is declaring in today's verse. He uses the word "none" twice to seal our attention. From east to west - that's our planet - "there is none beside me." We are to tremble when we hear Him say, 'I am the Lord, and there is none else.' And we are to take that message to every nation on earth. Unless that is our passion, our belief-system is only another "religion" called "Christianity" but empty of God's presence and power!

A poem I wrote is titled, “And You'll Be Free!” It goes like this:

*There's a question heard across the land
one that you'll hear asked on every hand
"Can you tell me the way to be free
Is there such a thing as liberty?"*

Well, open up your heart and take His hand

*love the One who is both God and man.
Ask His will in every little plan
and you'll be free
you'll be free!*

*Let the love of God your life control
let His Holy Spirit within you flow.
Live for others everywhere you go
and you'll be free
you'll be free!*

*Bend to help a neighbor in despair
go to one who's hurting, with your care
Let the things God gives, be yours to share
and you'll be free
you'll be free!*

My Prayer: "Open my eyes to the lostness of humanity without Christ the Messiah. Give me a vision, oh my Lord, to want to see all nations reached."

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PAGE 2 Whom God Calls "Wise"

"Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever." Daniel 12:3

The fearful and majestic visions of Daniel have ended. God has just told him of that time that no man can postpone or avoid - God's final sentencing of the unrepentant to an eternity of "shame and everlasting contempt" and His fulfillment of "everlasting life" to those who love Him (v 2). Now the Lord lifts Daniel's thoughts from the dust of bodies that have lain long in the grave to that which God is planning in the heavens. He is told that the wise will shine in brilliant brightness as the sun and the stars. But then the Lord leaves no mistake as to who He

considers "wise." It is not the man with a worldly education and ten letters after his name, though that can have merit. It is not the astronomer, scientist, inventor or any other of the professions we associate with wisdom. Instead, it is the one that turns others to righteousness who will stand out for eternity as stars now stand out on a clear desert night.

You and I want to be among those God will call "wise." I recall one of my journeys aboard a ship sailing along the Alaskan coast. A 21- year-old man wanted to talk with me. As we discussed his major concern over his marriage plans, I pointed Brad to the only One who could give him a foundation that would last. There with the wind and waves muting our voices, the young man called out to Jesus for forgiveness and new life. It was God's appointment, for that morning my prayer was simple: "Lord, I'm Yours. Put me where You want me and with whom You want me. Use me to carry out Your plan."

I challenge you, my fellow-disciple, to also pray that prayer as you step into every new day. The Holy Spirit will guide your steps, stops and starts in mysterious and wonderful ways as He uses your lifestyle and witness to point others to His way of righteousness. You and I may appear simple to the world, but we can be counted wise in the eyes of God by turning many in the world to Him.

My Prayer: "Remind me often, dear Father, that every person I shall ever meet will one day either be with You in heaven or lost forever. Use my life to turn many to righteousness."

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PAGE 3 Seizing the Moment

"Jesus said to them, My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work." John 4:34

This is not a word for the lukewarm to remain unchanged. Jesus' passion was the Father's heart - and the Father's heart is to let every person on planet earth hear the explosive news of His offer to forgive sins and grant eternal life to all who receive His Son. The whole chapter is the saga of the soul winner who understands the moment and seizes the opportunity to give life to the spiritually dead.

Jesus, along with His disciples, was bone-tired and thirsty when they sat by Jacob's well. First a drink, then a bite, were the first orders of the day for the disciples. But Jesus' orders came from deeper than the stomach and he saw a greater need than His own. They went to find food; He went in search of a hungry soul. He reached out to the woman of Samaria and ended up bringing this lost but receptive person to God's banqueting table. When the disciples returned with food and told Jesus to eat, He said in effect, "I already have." "My food (nourishment) is to do the will (pleasure) of Him who sent Me..." (Amplified Bible). And that's when He told them of a great harvest - entire fields of precious souls of all cultures, creeds and colors - needing harvesters to bring them in from the fields of sin to the heart of God. They were to first pray that God would send workers into the harvest fields, and then obey in going themselves in the direction of "others."

Where will you and I find our true food - our nourishment? If it is only in the physical and material, there can be no lasting satisfaction; only more hunger pangs. But if our "nourishment" comes from both a passion and a plan to do our part to fulfill world evangelism, the Lord of the harvest will set up those "special appointments" for you to bring others like the Samaritan woman to Him.

My Prayer: "Father, I want something that motivates me far greater than human pangs of hunger. Give me the passion of my Savior to see the lost in my world and be used to help find them and bring them to You."

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PAGE 4 A Lifetime Motto

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek."
Romans 1:16

Today's truth takes in responsibility. We know that our Lord is the great "I AM" who appeared to Moses and who walked the earth as Jesus Christ. Only He could say "I am the way...the resurrection and the life... the door...before Abraham was, I am." But when He turns old sinners into new saints, He also expects us to live out

the "I am" of responsibility to others. Paul did, and he always made himself an example to be followed. First he says, "I am debtor" (1:14), second "I am ready" (1:15), and third "I am not ashamed" (1:16).

You have been given God's gift of eternal life. Now He has made you a debtor to others. 1) You owe them the opportunity to accept the Messiah through your witness. 2) You are to be ready to share the good news. That means having an intimate relationship with Jesus and a plan of action that sees open doors to the hearts of others and seizes the moment. 3) If our walk with Jesus is lukewarm, we will be ashamed to bring Him up to Jew or Gentile. After all, He remains invisible, we speak of an invisible heaven and hell, and we believe in a life that operates by faith and not sight. To worldly intelligence, that sounds weird. But all that changes when God fills us (all who ask Him) with the fire and power of the Holy Spirit who can exert such powerful pressure and influence on any human heart that the invisible becomes more real than what is seen. He literally turns the gospel of Christ you are sharing with another into the power of God that brings salvation and new life. You would be wise to memorize Romans 1:14-16 and to make a lifetime motto: "I am debtor. I am ready. I am not ashamed."

My Prayer: "Cleanse me anew, my Lord, from sin, self and staleness. Fill me with the fire and power of the Holy Spirit and give me Your vision to reach out to Jew and Gentile. Make me ashamed only of my lukewarmness. Let me never be ashamed of the gospel of Christ."

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PAGE 5 Time to Join Hands

“And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.” Revelation 22:17

In Genesis the Creator comes down to a beautiful garden to fellowship with his children. His heart is broken because of Adam's and Eve's rebellion but He doesn't give up on us. Instead, His love keeps calling "Come!" to His lost sheep and finally the Shepherd Himself sacrifices His own life to save ours.

God's message has remained the same over some six thousand years. "Come and let us reason together," He said through Isaiah. "Come unto me all ye that labor," repeats the Savior. And the Holy Spirit has never ceased inviting the lost to come to Calvary. He will do so until the good news is preached to all the world but He always uses the saved - us - to invite the lost - those without hope - to trust in Jesus. And so our final verse contains the word "Come" three times. The Spirit and the bride of Christ offer the grand invitation. Those who hear and believe repeat the refrain "Come!" And the thirsty from every land will continue to come and find in Jesus the water of life.

The world around us is lost and groping for meaning to life. If we have found the answer in Christ, we dare not be timid. God wants the lovers of His Son to join hearts in prayer and hands in witness to bring in the final harvest. Will we do it? A little girl was lost in a cornfield. After hours of fruitless searching, one person suggested that the group walk the field while holding hands so as to miss nothing. They finally found the little one, but she was dead. The grief-stricken father wailed: "My God, why didn't we join hands before?!"

My Prayer: "My Father, I ask You for a fresh and deep cleansing of all sin and compromise in my life. Please fill me anew with the power of Your Holy Spirit and use me as a witness to invite the lost to come to You."