



The Real Issue

By La Rue Carlson

“And there was war in Heaven, Michael and His angel fought the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in Heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world: he was cast out to the earth: and his angels were cast out with him.” Revelation 12:7-9

War in Heaven? Guns, tanks, armored vehicles, bombs? Hardly....The war in Heaven was over issues. These issues were, Is God fair/ Is His law just and holy? *“Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty: You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor.” Eze 28:17. “For you have said in your heart....I will exalt my throne above the stars of God....I will be like the most High.” Isaiah 14:13, 14* Lucifer’s heart became full of pride and jealousy, discontent and self exaltation. He wanted to overthrow the Heavenly Kingdom and have all Heaven worship him. One third of the angels believed his arguments and as a result of disobedience lost their place in the Heavenly courts. Today we have the same choice that Lucifer and his followers had obey and worship the Creator of all things or rebel, disobey and lose out on the Heavenly inheritance.

Question: If we choose to disobey God, will God allow those who choose to rebel by disobedience into Heaven?

Answer: *“If you are willing and obedient, ye shall eat of the good of the land. But if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword”* Isaiah 1:20

Issue # 1

Satan took their rebellion to earth, and upon the creation of Adam and Eve immediately put his plan of rebellion into action. And in a cunning way he presented the same

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God’s Purpose for His Church

From Acts of the Apostles, Ch. 1

The church is God’s appointed agency for the salvation of men. It was organized for service, and its mission is to carry the gospel to the world. From the beginning it has been God’s plan that through His church shall be reflected to the world His fullness and His sufficiency. The members of the church, those whom He has called out of darkness into His marvelous light, are to show forth His glory. The church is the repository of the riches of the grace of Christ; and through the church will eventually be made manifest, even to “the principalities and powers in heavenly places,” the final and full display of the love of God. Ephesians 3:10.

Many and wonderful are the promises recorded in the Scriptures regarding the church. *“Mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.”* Isaiah 56:7. *“I will make them and the places round about My hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing.”* *“And I will raise up for them a plant of renown, and they shall be no more consumed with hunger in the land, neither bear the shame of the heathen any more. Thus shall they know that I the Lord their God am with them, and that they, even the house of Israel, are My people, saith the Lord God. And ye My flock, the flock of My pasture, are men, and I am your God, saith the Lord God.”* Ezekiel 34:26, 29-31.

“Ye are My witnesses, saith the Lord, and My servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe Me, and understand that I am He: before Me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after Me. I, even I, am the Lord; and beside Me there is no Saviour. I have declared, and have saved, and I have showed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are My witnesses.” *“I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; to open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.”* Isaiah 43:10-12; 42:6, 7.

“In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages; that thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth; to them that are in darkness, Show yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures shall be in all high places. They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for He that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall He guide them. And I will make all My mountains a way,

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arguments to Eve. "God is not fair," said Satan. "He is withholding from you selfish pleasure.... Taste and see.... God does not mean what He says." Do we hear the same arguments today? As a result of Eve's disobedience, they lost the Garden of Eden. Satan's lie to them, "Ye shall not surely die" introduced the doctrine of the immortality of soul that has deceived millions to believe that when a man dies, he goes straight to heaven, contrary to the clear Bible teaching, "The soul that sinneth shall die." Ezekiel 18:20.

Thought Question: Does God really mean what he says or can man pick and choose with no consequences?

Issue # 2

Daniel 3 tells the story of three young Hebrew men who King Nebuchadnezzar had set up over the affairs of Babylon. The King, being filled with pride and beauty (sound familiar?) built a giant gold statue of himself and commanded all that at the sound of all kinds of music (sound familiar?) everyone should bow and worship him. Everyone bowed except for these three men, knowing in their hearts that, "Thou shalt have no other Gods before me." They were determined to be faithful in ALL things, even to the point of death in a fiery furnace.

Question: Have all kinds of music pervaded the world today, including our churches? Is God able to deliver those who are faithful to Him from the fiery trials of life?

Issue # 3

Daniel 6 contains the story of Daniel. We find that, (1) Daniel did an excellent job for his employer, (2) he had an excellent spirit and work ethic, (3) nobody could find fault with him, and (4) he earnestly prayed to God three times a day as was his custom from early days. Because of his Christ-like character and faithfulness to God in ALL things, God delivered him from the mouths of the lions.

Thought Question: What kind of person am I at work, at home? Do I live a life for God that nobody can find fault with me? Would Daniel have been spared by God if had spent his time with sports, watching TV, video games and other entertainment instead of spending much time in prayer?

There are many issues in the world today. We have political issues, money issues, war issues, environmental issues, conspiracy issues, religious issues. But what is the real issue in life?

The Real Issue

Are you converted? Have you surrendered your life to Jesus Christ? Are you ready to meet Jesus, whether it be from a dusty grave, "For the Lord Himself will descent from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God and the dead in Christ will rise first" 1 Thess 4:16, or whether we are alive, "Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord." 1 Thess 4:17.

In summary:

- Satan rebelled against God and His law.
- Eve listened to the voice of Satan.
- Three Hebrew young men remained faithful to God in ALL things.
- Daniel prayed daily, fervently and was faithful in ALL things.

God will have a people that in these last days who will fully reflect His character. Rev. 14:12. He will have a people that will call sin by its right name. He will have a people that will be faithful in all things. A people that would rather die than sin.

He will have a people that, "by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the Gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus, for good works which God prepared before-hand that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:8-10.

I want to be ready when Jesus comes! Do you?

Father, today I give my life to you. Forgive me for all my sins. Give me victory today over temptation and sin. Help me Lord today that I might not sin against you. Thank you Lord for knowing that if I do sin, "I have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." 1 John 2:1. Today Lord, I give my life to you. May my priorities be yours. Use me today Lord for your honor and your glory. Amen. *DAJ*

Church News

Getting the Message Out!

Getting the message out is number one on the minds of the members of the Three Angels Seventh-day Adventist Church-Owasso. Many thousands of books have been distributed. And recently 1,000 DVDs were given out. As of August 31, 2008, 51 3ABN dishes have been installed in the Oklahoma area from Cushing to Tahlequah and Miami to South Tulsa and Broken Arrow.



Gene Martin, installer, and Mary & Darren Lutz, receivers of 50th satellite dish.

The dishes are installed in several different ways. Most of the time they are put on poles, but some have been installed on the side of the building or on the roof. One unique installation was on a volleyball pole. Five churches in the area have had dishes installed. It is nice to be able to invite the neighborhood to come see a special program or series. Having a dish makes this possible.

Many new friends have been made while installing satellite dishes. Many people want to know more truth and are getting the satellite dishes. All praise goes to the Lord!

We are praying that others will want dishes installed so that more people will hear the message and we all can go home with Jesus. *DAJ*

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THREE ANGELS KITCHEN

Plum Cake

Ingredients:

- 1 ½ C. unbleached white flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp salt
- ¾ C. + 1 Tbs sucanat
- ½ C. soy milk
- ¼ C. vegetable oil
- 1 Tbs flax seed mix with 3 Tbs of water
- 9-10 large black plums halved and pitted
- ¼ tsp ground cinnamon
- 2 Tbs Earth Balance butter

Preparation:

- Heat oven to 400 F
- Butter two 9" round cake pans. Whisk together the flour, baking powder and salt. In a separate bowl combine sucanat, milk, oil and the flax seed mixture. Fold into the flour.
- Divide the batter evenly between the two pans and smooth tops. Arrange plums cut sides up over batter.
- Combine cinnamon and remaining sugar and sprinkle over plums. Dot with butter.
- Bake for 30-35 minutes. *JAG*



Gene on the roof getting 3ABN tuned in.

Jesus for Asia is coming to the Three Angels Church Sabbath October 11th!

Jon Wood, director of Jesus for Asia, left his job as a teacher at Pacific Union College in the Film & Television program in 2005 to follow God's call to work with Jesus for Asia full time. Their two-fold mission is to reach the unreached through enabling the "native missionary," and to bring an awareness of the blessings of involvement and obedience to Christ's command to "go into all nations" back to the western world. Currently they have 153 full-time native missionaries in India, along with 7 evening schools providing food and education to about 400 impoverished children, and an orphanage with 21 children. They also work with Pastor Phamor (with whom Ben Sharon and Three Angels church member Michael Strack are currently working), supporting by faith, 25 lay pastors with 2000 church members, and 174 school teachers with over 4000 students in the dangerous no-man's zone, on the Thai border of Burma. They are setting up TV production studios in Thailand, India, the Philippines, and Cambodia.

The goal of Jesus for Asia is to enable the native evangelist to share the Gospel with the unreached peoples in Asia. Jesus for Asia subscribes to the beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church as put forth by the Bible and the writings of E. G. White.

Jon, his wife Natalie, and two children live in Kooskia, Idaho. *JAG*



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

September

24 – Billy Boyington, Jr.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jesus for Asia's SE Asia Missions Update

Presented by: Jon Wood, Director – Jesus for Asia

Date: October 11, 2008

Program:

- Claim Your Inheritance 11:00 AM
- Potluck Lunch 12:00 PM
- My Jonah Experience 2:00 PM
- Faith in Action: Mission Report 4:00 PM
- Potluck Supper 6:00 PM
- Eyes on North India 7:00 PM

Wilderness Survival Camp

Presented by: Mike Lowe,
Director – Wilderness Way Adventures

Date: October 17 – 19, 2008

Location: Sequoyah State Park, Hulbert, OK

Object Lessons:

- Survival Sense Part 1 & Part 2
- Foul Weather Firecraft
- Foul Weather Sheltercraft
- Orienteering
- Wild Edible Plants

For more information and to register please contact Alfonso Orellana at alfonsoorellana@msn.com. Don't miss out on these wonderful object lessons! There is still time to register!

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Worship Schedule

Saturday (Sabbath)

Sabbath School.....9:30am
Main Worship Service.....10:45am

Wednesday

Prayer Meeting.....7:00pm

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and My highways shall be exalted...

“Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the Lord hath comforted His people, and will have mercy upon His afflicted. But Zion said, The Lord hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me. Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of My hands; thy walls are continually before Me.” Isaiah 49:8-16.

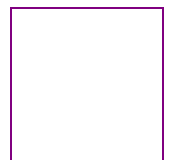
The church is God's fortress. His city of refuge, which He holds in a revolted world. Any betrayal of the church is treachery to Him who has bought mankind with the blood of His only-begotten Son. From the beginning, faithful souls have constituted the church on earth. In every age the Lord has had His watchmen, who have borne a faithful testimony to the generation in which they lived. These sentinels gave the message of warning; and when they were called to lay off their armor, others took up the work. God brought these witnesses into covenant relation with Himself, uniting the church on earth with the church in heaven. He has sent forth His angels to minister to His church, and the gates of hell have not been able to prevail against His people.

Through centuries of persecution, conflict, and darkness, God has sustained His church. Not one cloud has fallen upon it that He has not prepared for; not one opposing force has risen to counterwork His work, that He has not foreseen. All has taken place as He predicted. He has not left His church forsaken, but has traced in prophetic declarations what would occur, and that which His Spirit inspired the prophets to foretell has been brought about. All His purposes will be fulfilled. His law is linked with His throne, and no power of evil can destroy it. Truth is inspired and guarded by God; and it will triumph over all opposition.

During ages of spiritual darkness the church of God has been as a city set on a hill. From age to age, through successive generations, the pure doctrines of heaven have been unfolding within its borders. Enfeebled and defective as it may appear, the church is the one object upon which God bestows in a special sense His supreme regard. It is the theater of His grace, in which He delights to reveal His power to transform hearts.

“Whereunto,” asked Christ, “shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with what comparison shall we compare it?” Mark 4:30. He could not employ the kingdoms of the world as a similitude. In society He found nothing with which to compare it. Earthly kingdoms rule by the ascendancy of physical power; but from Christ's kingdom every carnal weapon, every instrument of coercion, is banished. This kingdom is to uplift and ennoble humanity. *DA*

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