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*Love is patient,
Love is kind,
Love is not proud.
Love always protects,
always trusts,
always hopes,
always perseveres.*

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Word to the Wise

I THINK I'm in love. It's just as well. We've been married now twenty-two years! Joyce and I wed in the middle of a blizzard after a three-week whirlwind engagement. Dr. "Ted" Heppenstall—who first taught me a love for righteousness by faith—performed the ceremony in the living room of his home in Berrien Springs, Michigan. I was a ministerial student at Andrews University, wearing my poverty piously like a monastic cloak. Joyce was working in the business office and paid all our wedding expenses. She's been paying ever since.

I love her now "more" than I loved her then. More? I loved her plenty then. All right—I love her *better* now. Better? So love then was *inferior*? I love her *different*, I know. Twenty-two years different.

No wonder society has trivialized love to hearts and flowers, chocolate kisses and "Kiss-Me-Quick" candy. Love is difficult to understand. (I've never understood Valentine's Day either; it commemorates a massacre doesn't it?) Why, for example, have some of my best and most reasonable friends had no "luck in love"? Have I just had better "luck"? Or am I, because our marriage is still together, more loving and wise? Was our marriage made in heaven, while their broken marriages made somewhere else? I don't get it.

Three little things I have learned about love (other than the fact that it's grand): 1. It's a mystery. 2. Love begets love. 3. You have to make an effort.

Not much different from righteousness by faith, is it? 1) That the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ can bring us forgiveness, acceptance, and complete reconciliation with God is, at its heart, a divine mystery. We use metaphors from marriage and family (Rom 7:1-3; Gal 3:26; 4:7; Eph 1:5); slave market (Gal 5:1; Eph 1:7); temple (Rom 3:25; Eph 2:19-22); and law courts (Rom 3:24) to gain insight into the gospel, but deeply it is a mystery. God has done it, and only God fully understands.

2) Love begets love. God's love was first. God took the initiative in salvation. When we hear the gospel and believe, how can we help but begin to love God? 3) We have to work at our love. Not work at our salvation: that is already accomplished in Christ. But we must respond if we would keep a love for Christ healthy. We must put ourselves in the way of hearing the gospel if love is to grow.

I wish Valentine well, whoever he or she is, or was. I wish you, too, the very best happiness I can imagine—married happiness. Don't worry about me during these chilly February winds. I've got my love to keep me warm.



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—Ed.]

It does not matter who you are, my brother, my sister. It does not matter how many times you've failed. It does not matter how many mistakes you've made. It does not matter how weak you feel, how foolish you've been—this man, Christ, receives sinners.

MY FRIEND, you there by the radio, who do you think you are? Have you ever had that question addressed to you?

Not long ago a Chicago workman slipped from his scaffolding and plummeted earthward. His fall was broken by the canopy of a store. He slipped from the canvas to the sidewalk—none too gracefully—and lay there stunned. As a crowd gathered, a policeman hurried to the center of the group and addressed the prostrate figure, "What's going on here. What's this all about?" Still dazed, the workman murmured, "I don't know. I've only just arrived."

A biographical snippet concerning the German philosopher Arthur Schopenhauer [1788-1860] parallels this story. Considerably disheveled in appearance, he was sitting on a park bench in Frankfurt. A park attendant, thinking the untidy stranger a tramp, approached him with the query, "Who are you?" The dowdy figure replied disconsolately, "I wish I knew." These two anecdotes illustrate the core problem of existence.

We can either interpret humanity by looking at the universe, or we can interpret the universe by looking at

humanity. But if we are going to do the second, we need to look at the best of humanity—the one who came from above and called himself the Son of Man that he might be brother to all, male and female, black and white, young and old.

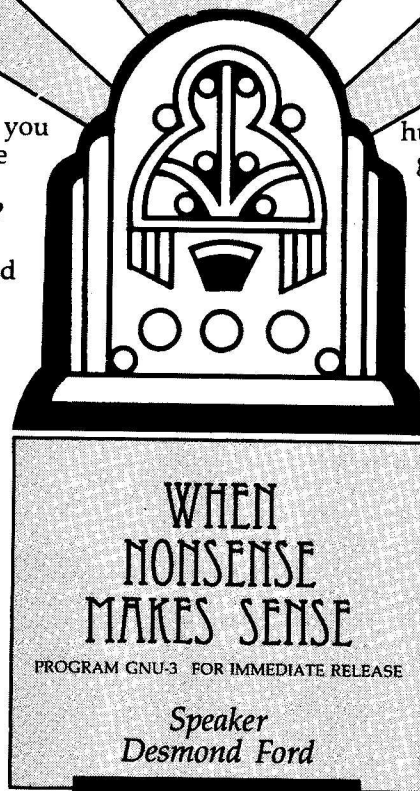
What did Jesus say about life? What did he say about you and me? You remember on one occasion when he was dining with publicans and sinners (Lk 15), the self-righteous religious people of the day said, "Look at this man; he's dining with publicans and sinners. This man receives sinners."

They preached the gospel much better than most preachers, because the good news unlimited is just that: This man receives sinners.

When they accused him of receiving sinners, Jesus' reply was "Guilty." That's the only thing Christ ever said he was guilty about.

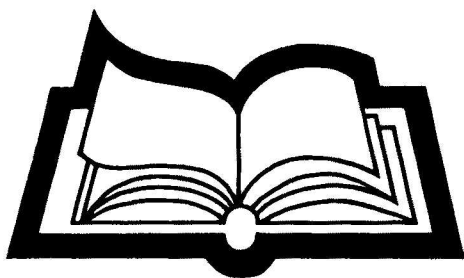
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To know that we are loved, despite our failures; to know that it is true ►



DESMOND FORD

that whosoever will (that's you, that's me, that's every failure) by believing might not perish, but have everlasting life—to know that, my friends, turns life into a melody. It brings heaven down here. It means that every good dream is possible of fulfillment. Listen to him today. He is saying to you, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. He that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men. I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." Believe it today and you will know who you are, and life will become a song. □



THE BIBLE'S MOST IMPORTANT BOOK

PROGRAM GNU-15 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SUPPOSE, MY FRIEND, that you were told that you could keep only one of the sixty-six books of the Bible. Which would you keep?

Many would choose Luke's Gospel—that beautiful book with such universal appeal that particularly emphasizes the value of outcasts in the sight of God in heaven . . . Other readers would want to keep John's Gospel, that spiritual account by the disciple Jesus loved, with its record of nineteen personal interviews by Jesus . . . Others again, would want to choose Psalms, that harp of the human heart.

But not one of these books spell

out in detail the most important matter of all to you and me: How God saves sinners, how we can get rid of guilt and death, and be ready for the great Judgment Day. They do teach concerning it, of course. That is through all the Scripture. But only one book takes up this most important topic of salvation in detail, and that is the epistle to the Romans.

There are lots of surprises in Scripture. You don't find anywhere in the Bible a list of things to be believed. Another surprise is that Jesus wrote no book. He seemed to put his time into people. A third surprise is that Jesus is not the greatest theologian of the Bible. He came to make the atonement, not to explain it; that is, until the cross-resurrection event had taken place, its meaning could not fully be set forth. That's why Jesus spoke wonderful truths in proverbial form; in short, terse, gnomic fashion, as seeds that were later to be germinated into flowers under the breathing of the Holy Spirit on the minds of the apostles.

Two-thirds of the epistles of the New Testament carry the name of one man, the most influential person in all history, next to Jesus—Paul.

F.F. Bruce, perhaps the greatest of modern evangelical scholars said, "One should be very, very careful in reading the book of Romans because he never knows what will happen. When Augustine read it, he was converted and changed the theological history of the world. When Luther read it, he spawned the Protestant Reformation. When Wesley read it, he saved England from a revolution like that of France. When Whitefield read it and, later, Jonathan Edwards, this country of America experienced tide after tide of gospel revival."

J.R. Packer has pointed out, "Every great revival the world has ever known started with a re-study of the book of Romans. My friends, today we stand in need of the greatest revival of all . . . one that will lighten the whole earth with the glory of the gospel of Christ, and it has to begin with this book." □



THE MYSTERY OF SUFFERING

PROGRAM GNU-32
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PSYCHIATRISTS tell us, the average person by the age of forty has contemplated suicide at least once. That's a statistic which is only another way of telling us that our world, our personal experience, is full of trouble. The world is full of griefs and graves. The world is so dark, men and women cry out against the silent heaven, and no one should speak on the mystery of suffering without, at least, tears in his heart.

A blind boy, once being teased for his Christian faith, was asked, "If there is a God of love, such as your heavenly Father, why are you blind?" He gave a verse from the New Testament in reply: "Even so, Father; for so it seemed good in Thy sight" (Lk 10:21). There is no glib answer, no complete answer, and the Bible has much to say about the problem. Whole books are devoted to it. The book of Job is devoted to it; the book of Lamentations is devoted to it, and much of Ecclesiastes is devoted to it. Psalms is full of it. The last book of the Bible foretold trouble and strife for believers in Christ all their days until the Second Advent.

If there is a God, and he cares for his followers, why doesn't he save them from trouble? Which is just another way of saying, "Christians ought to be the teacher's pets of the universe." But nobody likes teacher's pets because they are spoiled. All of us can see much further through a tear than through a telescope, and constant sunshine makes a desert. For a Christian to be exempt from trouble would probably end in that person ceasing to be a Christian. ►

The atheist, of course, has always said that trouble shows that God is either not all good, or not all powerful. Part of the Christian answer would be that for every thousand that speak about the problem of pain, the problem of evil, hardly one speaks about the problem of good.

If there is a God, and he cares for his followers, why doesn't he save them from trouble?

How does the atheist explain that? If you or I see someone walking vigorously across the road, we don't point to that person as an example of health; but if we see someone on crutches, we do point. When we have one sore finger, it's mainly sore because we have nine good ones.

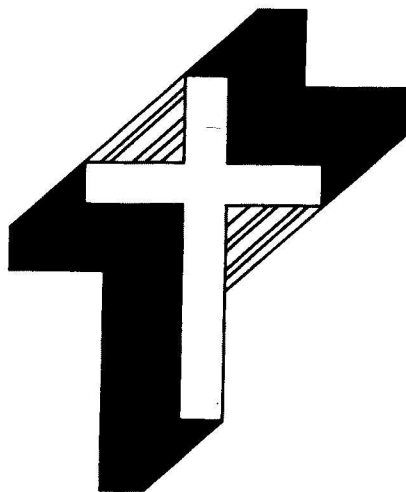
Well, what's the real answer? You remember when Christ was on the cross, he, too, was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. The people cried out, "Let God deliver him!" But God didn't. Christ cried out, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" God didn't deliver him. He did something better. God turned Bad Friday into Good Friday. He took that bruised and broken body and turned it into glorified flesh. He took the greatest tragedy the world has ever known and turned it into the greatest blessing.

My friends, that's exactly what the Bible teaches about trouble. In Luke 24:36-48, as Jesus comes to the end of the age of troubles for Christians, he says, "And it shall turn to you for a testimony" (Lk 21:13). Opposition becomes opportunity; calamities become a source of profit, of witnessing, blessing, and glory. That's the way it is all through the New Testament: the best things come out of the worst things.

The greatest pain is guilt. Christ has dealt with that. I've turned in my Bible to 2 Corinthians, chapter five, and let me read to you from verse fourteen: "For the love of Christ controls us, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died" (RSV). It is

saying that when Jesus died, we died. When the first Adam sinned, we became sinners. We inherited his guilt; we inherited his twisted nature when he lost the indwelling God. But there's a second Adam come, the Lord Jesus Christ. He, too, is our Representative. While we were ruined without asking for it, we've also been redeemed without asking for it. One died for all. All have died.

Get this good news, and your troubles will shrink away to nothingness in comparison. You died for your sins 2,000 years ago in your Representative. You don't have to be anxious about what God thinks of you, only what he thinks of Christ, your Substitute. You are not called upon to make your peace with God; you're called upon to accept Christ—who is your peace.



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Whatever the flooding waters, whatever the bitter waters of your experience, if you will accept the man whose name is "the Branch,"

the rod out of the stem of Jesse, the man of the tree, the man of the cross—if you will accept him, and put him and his cross into your suffering;

The trauma of earth is only permitted to make us homesick for heaven...

if you surrender your self-will to God, and believe that he makes all things work together for good, that not a hair of your head will perish but by his permission, and for your ultimate good; if you believe that nightmares never last, that nothing happens by chance; that God does not originate evil, but does overrule it, that it can be turned into good for you; that you are never alone; that God loves you, and that the trauma of earth is only permitted to make us homesick for heaven; if you believe these things and find in Christ your righteousness—then, my friends, heaven begins today even if it seems to you that you are living in hell itself.

God bless you. □

"Beloved,
let us love
one another,
for love is
from God;
and every one who loves
is born of
God
and knows God....
for
God
is
love."

1 John 4:7,8 NASB

Interview with Frank Juriansz

FRANK JURIANZ, president of Canadian Good News Fellowship, lives in Toronto with wife Joy. The Juriansz' moved to Canada from Sri Lanka in 1955. They have two sons and two grandsons. Frank and Joy are members of the Toronto Good News Fellowship, where Frank's brother, Allan, often leads out.

GNU: Frank, what is your relationship to GNU's radio work in Canada?

FJ: Roy, I've been responsible for contacting radio stations, making the best arrangements for broadcasting Dr. Ford's sermons as far as time of day and rates, and keeping stations supplied with tapes and cassettes.

GNU: How long have you been doing this work?

FJ: Since September of 1981.

GNU: What do you particularly like about the GNU radio program?

FJ: The fact that Dr. Ford always highlights the gospel, the wonderful news of God's great love. The gospel has brought much comfort to many across Canada.

GNU: By my definition, you've had great success. Could you describe the extent of the radio program throughout Canada?

FJ: Yes. Our radio program has grown. We started with one station in Vancouver, B.C., which

was financed by a generous dentist there. Today we have fourteen stations across Canada, from British Columbia to New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

Just this week we arranged for our first station in Manitoba. Gospel sermons will be broadcast from Radio Winnipeg CKJS 810 AM every Sunday from 11:30 a.m.—12 noon. Broadcasting will begin January 3, 1988. Radio Winnipeg will be station number fifteen.

GNU: Which are your most influential stations?

FJ: All of them! All our stations are influential in reaching people with the good news of the gospel. But if I have to choose those with the largest potential listening audience, then it's our two metro Toronto stations, CHIN and CJMR.

GNU: Do you receive letters? Have you had any personal contacts with people interested in the gospel through your radio work?

FJ: Yes, many people write to express their appreciation for the messages. Many request the free tapes we offer.

I've also met some of our listeners. Some have attended Dr. Ford's seminars conducted here in Toronto from time to time.

GNU: How do you finance this whole thing?

FJ: From freewill offerings that come from interested people all across Canada. Our group here in Toronto has been donating a large portion of its funds to this radio work. We really believe in putting on Dr. Ford's broadcasts as a gospel ministry and outreach.

GNU: Anything exciting happened recently?

FJ: Every time we receive a note from a listener expressing appreciation we get excited.

GNU: What about the future?

FJ: We aim to have at least one station carrying "Good News Unlimited" in every Canadian

province. That means we have just two to go: Quebec and Newfoundland. Could Dr. Ford preach in French do you think? That would be useful in finding a station in Quebec.

GNU: Do you have any advice for our readers about how they might put the program on the air in their area?

FJ: Lots of advice, but you only have sixteen pages in this magazine! If anyone is interested in how we have had success in putting "Good News Unlimited" on the air they can contact me, and I'll be happy to talk to them. They can reach me at: Frank Juriansz, 57 Virgilwood Drive, Willowdale, Ontario, Canada M2R 2B5. My phone is (416) 665-4985. What we have done here in Canada, I believe your readers can do in bringing gospel radio programming to listeners all across North America.

—Roy Gee

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Riverside, CA Monday-Friday	KPRO 1570AM 7:15 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
Sacramento, CA Monday-Friday	KFIA 710AM 12:30 p.m.
Indianapolis, Indiana Monday-Friday	WXLW 950AM 12:00 noon
Spencer, IN Sunday	WLSO 92.7FM 9:00 a.m.
Black Mountain, North Carolina Monday-Friday	WMIT 106.9FM 9:15 p.m.

RADIO LOG—CANADA

Wetaskiwin, Alberta Sunday	CJOI 1440AM 4:00 p.m.
Langley, British Columbia Sunday	CJUP 800AM 8:00 a.m.

100 Mile House, BC Sunday	CKBX 1240AM 8:30 p.m.
Penticton, B.C. Saturday	CIGV 100.7FM 8:06 p.m.
Quesnel, B.C. Sunday	CKCQ 920AM 8:30 p.m.
Williams Lake, B.C. Sunday	CKWL 570AM 8:30 p.m.
Winnipeg, Manitoba Sunday	CKJS 810AM 11:30 a.m.
Fredericton, New Brunswick Sunday	CFNB 550AM 6:30 p.m.
Leamington, Ontario Saturday	CHYR 710AM 6:30 p.m.
Mississauga, Ont. Sunday	CJMR 1190AM 8:00 a.m.
Oshawa, Ont. Sunday	CKAR 1350AM 7:30 a.m.
Toronto, Ont. Sunday	CHIN 1540AM 8:30 a.m.
Charlottetown, Prince Edward I. Sunday	CHLQ 93.1FM 9:30 p.m.
Estevan, Saskatchewan Sunday	CJSL 1280AM 9:00 a.m.
Weyburn, Sask. Sunday	CFSL 1190AM 9:00 a.m.

TV LOG—USA

Concord, CA Monday Wednesday Fresno, CA	KFCB TV 42 9:30-10:00 a.m. 5:00-5:30 p.m. KFCB repeater TV 34
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Los Angeles, CA	KVEA TV 52 broadcast TV 18 cable 7:30-8:00 a.m.
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Christianity— WHAT AND WHY?

by Edmund Rogol



[Christianity—What and Why is a book especially for non-Christians, or those with a limited understanding of Christianity. It deserves wide distribution. Author Edmund Rogol is offering a complimentary copy to each GNU reader for examination. If after review of this 84-page book, you feel impressed to use it in personal missionary outreach, order more directly from: Ed Rogol, 25755 Rogol Drive, Hillsboro, OR 97123. Ask for your copy soon, or you may have to wait until the planned reprint. When vesting your copy, a contribution would help stage and reprint costs.

Ed is convinced that for the joy of the gospel to flourish and intensify within, it must be communicated without. Like a clear, refreshing stream the gospel must continue to flow out, or stagnate. Ed has enjoyed surprising reactions from friends and neighbors after sharing his book. Some he never suspected of looking for God. You, too, may know the joy of leading others to the more abundant life, in this easy and simple manner. No pressure is involved. Just invite people to look at the simple facts and claims of Christianity, so they may make their own evaluation.

Enjoy these excerpts.—Ed.]

Chapter One: CHRISTIANITY—WHAT IS IT, WHY IS IT?

WE INSTINCTIVELY sense our existence must have more meaning than a transient crossing over the stage of life. We have deep convictions that life is too wonderful and too precious to end in pointless oblivion. In a world where ruthless men spill blood as casually as water, we still desperately want to believe that our presence in life is important, and that it is destined for a satisfying and permanent fulfillment. If such expectations were to be totally denied, life would seem to have little more meaning than an empty beer can in a roadside ditch—something spent, useless, discarded.

Chapter Two: THE CERTAINTY OF CHRISTIANITY

Christianity is not something that is still to be tested and proven. Christianity presents a God who

has already stepped into human history, and done so with such convincing revelation as to meet any test or remove any doubt. Christianity is not just another uncertain search for an uncertain God. It tells us about God's search for us. It waits not upon our initiative to start the process of our own salvation, but seeks to awaken our faith in God's initiative already taken, a work already completed.

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Chapter Eleven: GUILT AND MORAL INADEQUACY

Many, sensing their own moral inadequacy, shy away from Christianity because the Christian Bible seems to them to be a set of super ideals for super saints. This is a misconception. The Bible is especially designed for a sinful, imperfect race. Written in the context of man's weakened moral condition, it recognizes his natural bent to wrong. It is not a code book for perfect living. It is written to create faith—faith in the substitutionary merits of Christ, relieving men from the grip of guilt and a sense of moral futility.

Chapter Fourteen: RESOLVING THE PROBLEM OF GUILT

The world's greatest problem, the problem that underlies all other problems, is sin: sin against God, against our fellowmen, and against all the laws of our own being. Like

a huge mountain, the problem of guilt is too big for us. It is a God-sized problem, one which only God can, and has solved.

Chapter Fifteen: WHAT IS SAVING FAITH?

The supposition that God's forgiveness depends on something we must do is at the root of all heathen and false religions. Instead of resting in the finished work of God which was accomplished in Christ for them, they depend on a work accomplished by them, or in them, or through them.

Even devout Christians have trouble distinguishing between the work of God accomplished for them, in Christ, and God's work of sanctification (good works) wrought in them by the Holy Spirit. In true Christianity, the believer's standing before God is secured by faith in Christ's imputed righteousness—God's work for them, whereas in other religions, a person's standing before divinity is assumed secured by some religious or meritorious activity in which they themselves engage.

Chapter Twenty-five: THE CONCLUSION OF IT ALL

Once you have grasped the reality of the gospel, you will have found a power that is far above and beyond all hopeless and discouraging outlooks. The hopeful future outlook gained therefrom will give you wings that will lift you high above the storms of life. It will give you hands to clap, feet to dance, and lips to sing. Though tried, your heart will be unspeakably happy, and in spite of everything, you will be glad to be alive.

Considering the cross, and all that it has gained for those who believe, it can be truly said that the cross of Christ is man's only fountain of life and the glory of all creation. □

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Questions and Answers

Our questions this month come from Frank C., of Oshawa, Ontario. Answers are from Dr. Desmond Ford. Texts are NIV.

Q How is the righteousness of the law fulfilled in us? "...in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit" (Rom 8:4).

A Romans 1-5 deal primarily with justification, the result of the work on the cross by the Second Member of the Trinity. But chapters 5-8 (particularly 6, 7, and 8), deal especially with sanctification, the result of the work of the Third Member of the Trinity. The Spirit is mentioned repeatedly in these chapters, but hardly at all in the opening chapters. Romans 8:4 is saying that when we receive the gospel, simultaneously the Holy Spirit comes into our lives to make real IN us what has already happened FOR us. The Greek word for "righteousness" here

means "the righteous demands." The text is declaring that through the work of the Spirit we walk in harmony with the ideals of the law.

In verse 7 Paul affirms that the carnally-minded are at war with the law of God. Clearly he is opposed to antinomianism and legalism, but certainly not to the morality of the law (earlier described as "holy, righteous and good," and "spiritual" 7:12, 14). The entire context of Romans 8:4 is discussing the sanctified walk whereby the believer sets his/her mind on the things which are holy, righteous and good—the "things of the Spirit." This is not perfectionism, but it is sanctification.

Q Does Romans 8:3 speak of Christ's flesh being condemned, or refer to condemnation of us sinners? "For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by sinful nature [flesh], God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man . . ."

A The text is affirming that sin itself was conquered [condemned] by Christ's work in human—but not sinful—nature. Jesus came in the likeness, not sameness, of sinful flesh. The context makes clear that our enemies have been overcome by the Savior. Sin, though it may remain in us, need not reign.

Q Please explain Hebrews 7:1-7, about Melchizedek.

A Read the two preceding chapters, which culminate in chapter 7. The writer affirms that Christ is a high priest after the order of Melchizedek. In chapter 7 the writer's point is that the Levitical priesthood is inferior to the Melchizedek order of priesthood. Why? Because Levi paid tithes to his superior, Melchizedek; Levi bowed down before Melchizedek. How? In his ancestor, Abraham. Therefore, all Jews and Christians should recognize that Christ's present priesthood in heaven is vastly superior to its type in the temporary, but still existing,

Jewish levitical service.

The conundrum of verse 3, "Without father, mother, without genealogy, without beginning of days or end of life, like the Son of God he remains a priest forever" is easily solved. The author is not suggesting that Melchizedek is a supernatural being. Rather, there is simply no written record of these facts. Thus, he is a fitting type of the divine Christ, who truly, though mysteriously, has no beginning or end.

Q Please explain Romans 8:10. "But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness."

A Because of the victory of Christ, our mortal bodies are doomed to death. They are already legally dead, because of the cross. At the cross, the world and the flesh and the devil were defeated. For this reason we must refuse to surrender to the body's demands when it conflicts with the law of God. □

by Desmond Ford

GENESIS 4 CROSSWORD

Look up the clues in Genesis 4 in the New International Version and find out that the first murder that ever happened was caused by wrong worship and cross words.

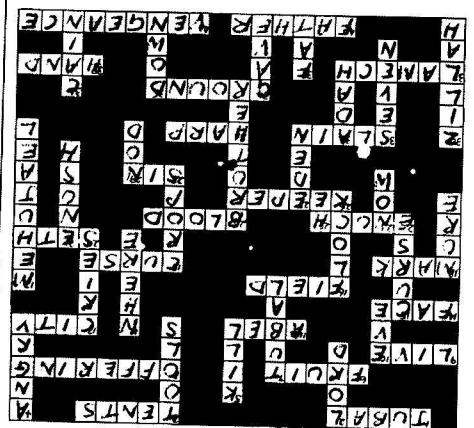
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2. Who came looking for Cain (v. 9).
3. Zillah's son forged these out of iron and bronze (v. 22).
4. Cain was very _____ (v. 5).
5. Cain's mark was so that no one would do this to him (v. 15).
7. _____ -Cain, maker of tools (v. 22).
10. Name of Adam's wife, Cain and Abel's mother (v. 1).
12. Question -word God asked Cain (v. 9).
13. What the blood did from the ground (v. 10).
15. Same as 19 across.
16. What Abel kept _____ K (v. 2).
17. Son of Irad (v. 18).
18. Cain said his punishment was _____ than he could bear (v. 13).
19. What the ground would no longer yield (v. 12).
21. Son of Seth (v. 26).
23. _____ you are under a curse (v. 11).
24. If anyone kills Cain, _____ will suffer vengeance seven times over (v. 15).
25. Relationship of Cain to Abel (v. 2).
27. Nod was east of here (v. 16).
29. Name of place Cain went (v. 16).
30. Second wife of Lamech (v. 23).
31. Number of times vengeance would be suffered if Cain killed (v. 15).
32. First wife of Lamech (v. 23).
34. Adah _____ birth to Jabel (v. 20).
35. Cain's face was _____ cast (v. 5).
36. First son of Adam and Eve (v. 1).
38. Abel brought _____ portions of his flock to the Lord (v. 4).

See answers beneath:

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1. The first harp player (v. 21).
3. Jabel lived in these (v. 20).
6. Abel brought this as an offering (_____ T) (v. 3).
8. God didn't favor Cain's (v. 5).
9. Cain went to _____ in the Land of Nod (v. 16).
11. Brother of Cain (v. 2).
13. Cain built one (v. 17).
14. Cain's was downcast (v. 5).
16. Where Cain killed Abel (v. 8).
18. What God put on Cain (v. 15).
19. What God put Cain under (v. 11).
20. Cain's next brother (v. 25).
22. Son of Cain (v. 17).
25. What cried out from the ground (v. 10).
26. Am I my brother's K _____? (v. 9).
28. What was crouching at Cain's door (v. 7).
31. Old-fashioned word rhyming with CAIN that means killed.
33. Jubal played this (v. 21).
34. Cain was driven from this (v. 11).
37. Descendant of Cain who had two wives (v. 23).
39. The ground received blood from Cain's H _____ (v. 11).
40. What Adam was to Cain (v. 1).
41. What one would suffer if he killed Cain (v. 15).



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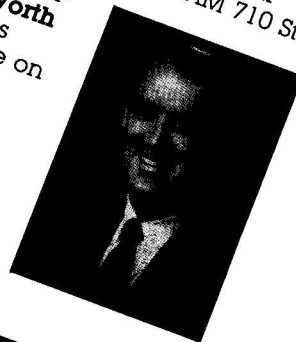
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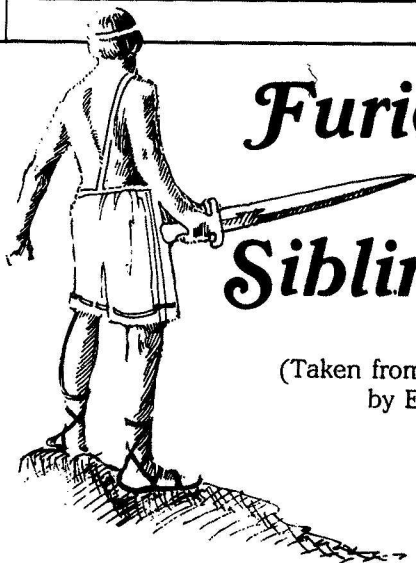
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Furious Farmer Slays Sibling Shepherd

(Taken from an editorial in The Eden Times)
by Eden Times Correspondent
Moses Amramson

ON THE SURFACE of it, Cain Adamson, inhabitant of Nodland, represents everything we'd all like to be. Married, family man, head of a rich, cultured clan, builder of a great city, he appears to be a pattern for the worldly, successful man. But Cain Adamson has a dark secret—you might call it a skeleton in his cupboard, or to be more literal, his paddock. Many years ago, not long out of Eden, he spawned a crime of passion and jealousy.

Cain's mother had high hopes for Cain, her firstborn. God had promised her and her husband that one of her descendants would be the man who would save the world.

Was it his surroundings? Was it his inheritance? Was it family influences? Was it his diet? Hardly. He was the first child ever born, coming into a world untouched by war, untouched by bloodshed, new to sin. His father was a gardener, his mother who probably had the best credentials for bringing up children in the world, stayed at home to do so. The family lived in

a garden city. Everything seemed ideal. Yet Cain Adamson coldly, calculatedly slew his younger brother, Abel, in an argument over vegetables.

Cain's mother had high hopes for Cain, her firstborn. God had promised her and her husband that one of her descendants would be the man who would save the world. She naturally hoped it would be her first child. How could she know it was to be centuries before the promise would be fulfilled? As the two boys grew up, they were different from the start. Cain was a man of the soil, loved to garden, loved to grow crops. Abel was a shepherd. Their attitude was different. Cain loved the work of his own hands. The things of God came second. Abel was a spiritual man to whom God came first.

When it came to worship, Cain had his own ideas of what God would like. He seemed to ignore the fact that God had spoken, that his parents had been required to sacrifice an innocent lamb, shedding its blood, taking its life, using its skin to cover themselves, and thus acting out the way of salvation. Evil had brought a curse on the world. The blood was a symbol of life poured out because of sin.

Their parents had told them the story of their own rebellion. Abel knew it and followed God's ways and wishes. But Cain never could quite see it. "This sin thing," he

was once reportedly heard to say, "it's a big fuss over nothing."

Apparently one day when there was a call to worship, Abel killed the best of his flock, but Cain stubbornly brought vegetables. "I grew them myself," he mentioned to Abel. "See the green of those leaves? See the size of those ears of corn? No one can grow things the way I do." One of his sisters living on the bank of the Euphrates River told this reporter that Cain had a habit of wanting to do things his own way. Couldn't take instruction. "He was a proud man," she commented.

God somehow let Cain know that his offering was unacceptable. Witnesses say Cain was furious and fell into a terrible mood. The Lord tried to shake him out of his anger. God asked Cain why his face was so miserable and told him if he made things right, there would be no problem. But God also warned him that if he didn't, sin was crouching at the door like a lion waiting to master him.

Cain was implacable. In a fit of fury, he took his brother into the field intending to kill him. Innocent Abel was unsuspecting. He didn't even see the blow coming. Not knowing much about murders since it was the first one, Cain was naive enough to think he wouldn't be found out. Can you imagine the lame excuses he made? "Oh, mom, Abel's missing. Have you seen him? He must have got lost or eaten."

But God knew and went looking for Cain. "Where's your brother?"



Gillian Ford

he asked. "I don't know," Cain lied. "Am I his keeper?" (Of course, he was.) God said, "What terrible thing have you done?" The all-seeing God knew, but he wanted Cain to confess. "Listen!" God said, "I can hear your brother's blood crying to me out of the ground."

Now the curse that came on the ground when his parents had sinned worsened. God said the ground wouldn't yield the nice crops it had done in the past, and Cain was sentenced to wander as an exile far away from his family. How scared he was—he thought anyone finding him would kill him. How kind God was. He put a mark of protection on Cain and said anyone killing him would be punished seven times as much.

It was after this that Cain Adamson went east to Nodland, married, had his family and built a city. He had grandchildren and great-grandchildren who were musical, artistic and wealthy, but ignorant of the most important thing in life—knowing God.

Seems to me, folks, that you can look as though you've got every-

thing—good home, good education, pleasant surroundings, wealth and culture—just like Cain Adamson of Nodland, the ultimate and original Yuppie, yet still have an evil heart.

Have you wondered why the first sin mentioned after Adam and Eve's was not stealing cookies from the cookie jar, sticking bubble gum on the ear of a giraffe, or tying a knot in an elephant's trunk? It was murder.

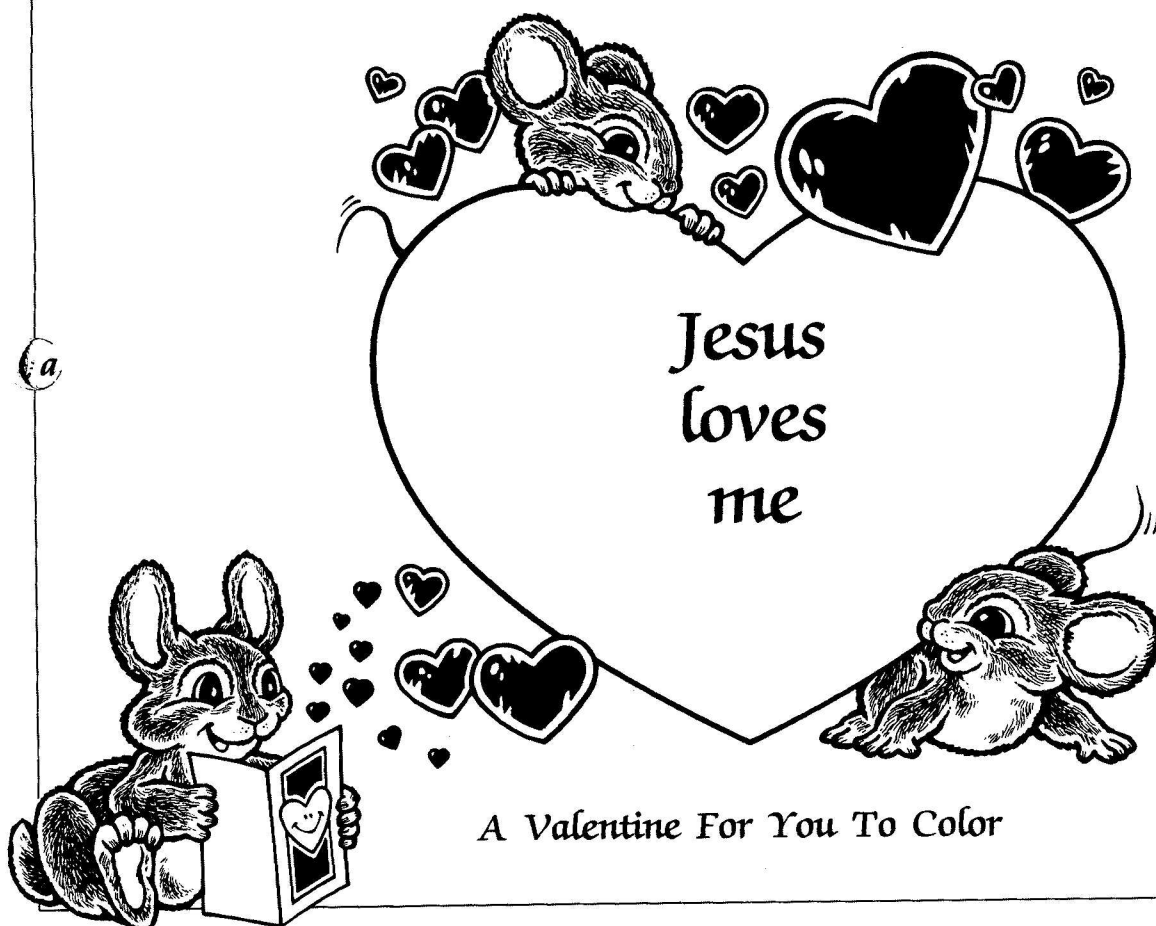
Sin was full-blown right back there. Men's hearts were evil right from the beginning (though some were worse than others). Murder—you can't get any worse. And it was the first dear son that did it! His parents thought he was going to be the Savior of the world, and he turned out to be the first Prodigal—only he never returned home. Learn the first lesson that this story teaches. "Love your brother, even if he's so nice that he makes you want to spit."

Also note the deeper lesson. Have you ever noticed that in the early stories of Genesis about Cain and Abel, Ishmael and Isaac, Esau and Jacob, there's a similar pattern? The one born first was a great

worker, but light on love. Especially light on love for God, but also for his brother. The second born was more spiritual (though in Jacob's case, it took a while to show up).

There's some that say the first and second born are a parable about life, and needing to be born again. [There I go, getting ahead of myself! Being born again comes from John 3, and at the time I'm supposed to be writing, the New Testament wasn't written.—Gill.] You may have heard the saying, "Born once, die twice; born twice, you need only die once—if at all." It's sure as sure that you must be born again to see the kingdom of God.

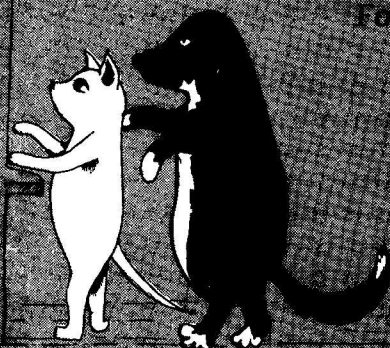
We shouldn't forget that the Book of Hebrews says the shed blood of Jesus speaks much better words than the blood of Abel. You may ask "How can that be?" The answer is, the blood of Abel called out only for vengeance, for justice to be done. But Jesus' blood calls out "Give people grace and mercy, Lord. Put their sins on my account. The payment's been made." Yes, the blood of Jesus speaks much better words. □



A Valentine For You To Color

Lucy Is Put To The Test

by
Gillian
Ford



LUCY COULDN'T quite see in the kitchen window, so she did a series of ever-increasing bounces till her head popped up above the windowsill. As she stayed suspended for a fraction of a second, she gave a loud meow to let everyone inside know that it was she, Lucy Ford, wanting to get in.

Ebony, the black-and-white dog, came racing around the corner lickety-split. "Why're you making all that racket?" she asked, concerned. "I thought the dog next door must have bitten you."

"I wanna get in. I wanna get in. I wanna get in," Lucy said imperiously. "Why?" asked Ebony, resisting the temptation to correct Lucy's wannas. She couldn't understand Lucy's pushy pussy nature, being herself content to stay outside and be a good dog.

"They're talking in there—Mom Ford and Luke—and it's interesting—and I want to read that bit of paper—they're looking at," Lucy said this all in one breath, so Ebony had to concentrate as it was hard to understand what she was saying. Looking through the kitchen window, Ebony said, "Now Lucy, let's sssh and find out what's going on."

It seems that Stan at the office had given Mrs. Ford a sheet of

paper with all sorts of questions on it about personality. Personality means what you're like by nature. People were asked to write down which of four different descriptions they were most like. Then they were supposed to fill in all the answers and add up all the check marks. There was a section for all good points followed by one for all bad points. The animals were fascinated and listened intently to the conversation inside.

"Which one of these am I?" Mrs. Ford asked Luke. "Undisciplined, unsympathetic, unenthusiastic, unforgiving?"

"I'm not going to tell you your negative traits. You'll argue with me," said Luke to his mother (Luke is 21 so he's allowed to talk to his mother like that).

"No, I won't," said Mrs. Ford.

"All right then, you're undisciplined," said Luke.

"No, I'm not," said his mother.

"I told you you'd argue with me," said Luke. And so it went on.

It turned out that Mrs. Ford was a real mixture—one third SAN-GUINE (the cheerful type), a third CHOLERIC (the strong-willed type), and a third MELANCHOLIC (the depressed, perfectionist type). But she didn't have one spot or wrinkle of the PHLEGMATIC (easy-going) type.

Luke was a CHOLERIC personality-type only. Choleric people are born leaders. They have very strong wills, like to run things, and don't know how to relax. Mrs. Ford said it was probably easier to be just one type like Luke—you wouldn't have all those fights inside.

Outside, Lucy and Ebony were deeply impressed. "Boy, I want to fill in one of those sheets," Lucy said to Ebony, which may explain why later the Fords found a form covered in muddy paw prints. Ebony was curious, too, but not as much as Lucy. You've heard, I'm sure, about cats and curiosity.

When Luke went outside to get some wood, Lucy and Ebony sneaked into the kitchen and read the test. Ebony said, "This is you Lucy—animated, playful, sociable, spirited, spontaneous, funny, delightful, talkative, lively, cute, popular, and bouncy."

"Why, thank you, I'm sure," Lucy said in her deepest southern drawl. She was flattered. But Ebony wasn't finished.

"That's the good points. On the negative side, you're undisciplined, interrupting, haphazard, easily angered, messy, a show-off, loud, scatterbrained, restless, and changeable." Lucy was mightily peeved at that list and bit Ebony on the foot.

"That's sanguine," said Ebony evenly, as she licked her wound. "You're also choleric—adventurous, resourceful, self-reliant, forceful, daring, a leader, bold. But on the downside, you're bossy, impatient, headstrong, proud, argumentative, nervy, stubborn, short-tempered and crafty."

"Well, thanks," said Lucy, miffed. But she didn't cry. Wasn't she a choleric and they rarely cry? "And now for you, Ebony Ford."

But she couldn't find anything nasty to say about Ebony.

"Adaptable, peaceful, patient, friendly, tolerant, consistent, faithful, self-sacrificing, sensitive, idealistic, behaved." On the bad side, she only commented that Dr. Ford said that Ebony was lazy at times, and she had noticed that Ebony sometimes looked depressed. "Seems you're a phlegmatic-melancholic, Ebby. But Ebby, do you think there's any truth in all of this?"

"Well, it's not scientific, if you know what I mean," said Ebony, "but it's what Dr. Ford calls a useful tool. We are all different and it helps us understand why. You and I are opposites. We're very different, aren't we? I'm a stodgy doggy—not very exciting, but dependable. You're a pretty ditty kitty—lots of fun, adventurous, scintillating, a breath of fresh air. Together we're a good team and we make great pals. We benefit from each other's strengths and make up for each other's weaknesses."

Lucy saw the point. You can be different but you can be friends. A cat can be friends with a dog. Perhaps one day a lion will even be friends with a lamb. And it's the same with people. We all have different temperaments and personalities. We all have strengths and weaknesses. But we can still be friends. □