



RELIGION

SCRIPTURE OF PROVERBS
THE WEEK: Chapter 23 & 24

FROM THE PULPIT TO THE PEWS

by Mattie Ann Callier-Spears

Back to the work-place

In last week's article, we found out that some people will simply disagree for the sake of disagreement. They are quibbling over the meaning of Christ's words and stirring up arguments ending in jealousy and anger, which only lead to name calling, accusations, and evil suspicions. These arguers—their minds warped by sin—don't know how to tell the truth; to them the Good News is just a means of making money. Keep away from them.

Do you want to be truly rich? You already are if you are happy and good. After all, we didn't bring any money with us when we came into the world, and we can't carry away a single penny when we die. So we should be well satisfied without money if we have enough food and clothing. But, people who long to be rich soon begin to do all kinds of wrong things to get money, things that hurt them and make them evil-minded and finally send them to hell itself. For the love of money is the first step toward all kinds of sin. Some people have even turned away from God because of their love for money, and as a result have pierced themselves with many sorrows.

Run from all these evil things and work instead at what is right and good, learning to trust Him and love others, and to be patient and gentle.

Fight on for God. Hold tightly to the eternal life which God has given you.

Tell those who are rich not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which will soon be gone. But their pride and trust should be in the living God who always richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and should give happily to those in need,

always being ready to share with others whatever God has given them. By doing this they will be storing up real treasure for themselves in heaven—it is the only safe investment for eternity! And—they will be living a fruitful Christian life down here as well.

Don't fail to do these things that God entrusted to you. Keep out of foolish arguments with those who boast of their "knowledge" and thus prove their lack of it. Some of these people have missed the most important thing in life—they don't know God. (1 Timothy Chapter 6)

Follow God's example in everything you do just as a much loved child imitates his father. Be full of love for others, following the example of Christ Jesus who loved you and gave Himself to God as a sacrifice to take away your sins. And, God was pleased, for Christ's love for you was like sweet perfume to Him.

Learn as you go along what pleases the Lord. Take no part in the worthless pleasures of evil and darkness, but instead, rebuke and expose them. It would be shameful even to mention here those pleasures of darkness which the ungodly do. But when you expose them, the light shines in upon their sin and shows it up, and when they see how wrong they really are, some of them may even become children of light! That is why God says in the Scriptures, "Awake, O sleeper, and rise up from the dead; and Christ shall give you light."

So be careful how you act; these are difficult days. Don't be fools; be wise; make the most of every opportunity you have for doing good. Don't act thoughtlessly, but try to find out and do whatever the Lord wants you to. Don't drink too much wine, for many evils lie along that path; be filled instead with the Holy Spirit, and controlled by Him.

Talk with each other much about the Lord, quoting psalms and hymns, singing sacred songs, and making music in your hearts to the Lord. Always give thanks for everything to our God and Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Women—Honor Christ by submit-

ting to your husband's leadership in the same way you submit to the Lord.

For a husband is in charge of his wife in the same way Christ is in charge of His body the church. Christ gave His very life to take care of it and be its Savior! So, you wives must willingly obey your husbands in everything, just as the church obeys Christ.

Men—You husbands, show the same kind of love to your wives as Christ showed to the church when he died for her, to make her holy and clean, washed by baptism and God's Word; so that he could give her to himself as a glorious church without a single spot or wrinkle or any other blemish, being holy and without a single fault. That is how husbands should treat their wives, loving them as parts of themselves. For since a man and his wife are now one, a man is really doing himself a favor and loving himself when he loves his wife! No one hates his own body but lovingly cares for it, just as Christ cares for His body the church, of which we are members (parts).

The husband and wife are "one body" is proved by the Scripture which says, "A man must leave his father and mother when he marries, so that he can be perfectly joined to his wife, and the two shall be one." I know that this is hard to understand, but it is an illustration of the way we are parts of the body of Christ.

Children—Obey your parents; this is the right thing to do because God has placed them in authority over you. Honor your father and mother. This is the first of God's Ten Commandments that ends with a promise. And this is the promise: that if you honor your father and mother, yours will be long life, full of blessings.

Parents—Don't keep on scolding and nagging your children, making them angry and resentful. Rather, bring them up with the loving discipline the Lord himself approves, with suggestions and godly advice.

Pray all the time. Ask God for anything in line with the Holy Spirit's wishes. Plead with Him, reminding Him of your needs, and keep praying earnestly for all Christians everywhere.

"Straight Talk" filmed at the Oregon State Men's Prison to be aired on the 15th, 16th and 17th of July on Ch.#11--Sat. 4PM, Sun. 5PM, Mon. 5PM. The prisoners will speak to local youth about gang involvement. On Thursday, July 13th, at 8:30 PM AND 10PM, Overstreet Powerhouse Temple COGIC's choir will be presented along with segments from "Straight Talk: on Ch. #32.) have all made great strides to bring the 'Word' into the homes, hospital rooms, prisons, nursing homes and throughout the state.
Stay tuned and stay informed!!!

positive about reaching the masses. By the use of the radio and the television media, Greater St. Stephens (KBMS, 10 AM Sundays), Mt. Olivet (KBMS, 8 AM Sundays), Maranatha (KPDQ, 11PM-1AM Sundays), New Song (KPDQ, 6-8 PM Sundays), Overstreet Powerhouse Temple COGIC and Harvest Time Ministries (ROGERS CABLE SYSTEMS) Ch.#11--Sat. 4PM, Sun. 10AM & 4PM, Mon. 5PM; Ch. #33--Sun. 5:30 PM, Tues. 10PM; local Ch. #32 (in Salem); ***Special program

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Northwest Couple's Conference

Are there questions that you need to have answered concerning your relationship with your wife or with your husband? If so, a special conference has been planned. The dates are: JULY 20, 21 & 22 -- Thursday 5:00p.m. through Saturday 12 noon. The place: Canby Grove Conference Center. The topic: "God's Blueprint for a Fulfilled Marriage" Psalms 127:1. The Conference Speaker will be Rev. Wendall Wallace, pastor of Maranatha Church.

The purpose of the conference is to build a strong Christian Family. Come! Fellowship with couples of different denominations.

Cost: \$110.00 per couple

Bring your toiletries, sleeping bags and/or bedding, comfortable clothing, a notebook and pencil, your Bible and Faith that God will surely supply your needs. For further information, contact the conference coordinators Don Warren (282-9111) or Emmett Wheatfall (287-4749).

Hope

So frail a thing—and yet how strong
So heartening when things go wrong
In fear and darkness we may grope
But how it clears when we find
Hope

It's always there, a cheerful friend,
Prepared its courage vast to lend
to those who feel they cannot win.
To find it merely raise your chin.
Just look aloft and from the skies
As if it came from God's own eyes,
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You'll taste the poor man's nectar—
Hope!
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Hope for the things that life can't steal!
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EYE ON GOSPEL

Edwin Hawkins' Music & Arts Seminar Goes To Tinseltown: Edwin Hawkins is a name well-known in gospel music dating back to his blockbuster gospel hit of 20 years ago—"Oh Happy Day." However, today Hawkins is fast becoming more known for his Gospel Music & Arts Seminar. The seminars are so successful that chapters are springing up around the country. Hawkins came up with the concept for his Gospel Music & Arts Seminar in 1979. Said Hawkins: "while on tour with family, we decided that we needed to do something to assist the many young people who approached the Hawkins family about getting into the business of music without compromising your Christianity." Today, his workshops key in on just that while also providing insight into such things as director and choir decorum, fashion design, drama, and vocal technique. While Hawkins says the seminars are growing slowly, he says he is happy with the progress he has been able to make. In fact, **capping off this year's affair was a gala marking the mass choir live recording and the 20th anniversary celebration of "Oh Happy Day."** Among those artists performing were Daryl Coley, Danniebell Hall, Tramaine Hawkins, Jennifer Holiday, John P. Kee, and of course, the Hawkins Family. The master of ceremonies for the festive gala was film star Danny Glover (Lethal Weapon) and there was a special surprise performance by Patti Labelle. Workshop surprises included guest appearances from the likes of actor-pastor Clifton Davis and the Rev. James Cleveland, who urged Edwin to continue on through the difficulties of starting such a seminar. Further stated Cleveland, "If we that know gospel don't try to perpetuate and eventually learn how to develop and increase what God is giving us, then we're going to become a dying art. On that note I want to say to Edwin and Walter, who came up with the idea of the seminar, don't give up. When I started my workshop, it was operating in the red, and when it was doubtful we were going to be able to pay our bills, it was Rev. Cleveland's convention, but now it's the people's convention, and I'm glad they got it." **Cleveland went on to pledge his support to the seminar and then to plug his own Gospel Music Workshop of America, which gets underway next month in New Orleans.** Cleveland, who apologized for not publicly providing his support sooner, stated that he, Walter and Edwin have never had any differences. "They've been over in this part of the field cultivating mine, and we're all looking for a rich harvest. But, if we cannot have honest-to-God, real fellowship, one to the other, then what we're singing about is all in vain." The crowd, had urged Cleveland to render a selection, but were saddened instead by the news that he was unable to do so, due to a series of throat operations that have temporarily impaired his vocal chords.

Just Briefly: In the midst of the week-long festivities of Edwin Hawkins Music & Arts Seminar came official word of a contract agreement between Edwin Hawkins and Polygram Records...Bebe & Cece were in Los Angeles to tape a live performance music video for "Celebrate a New Life," their upcoming single. **This week's scripture: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God"--Philippians 4:6**

SOCIAL SECURITY

QUESTION: My podiatrist has prescribed orthopedic shoes to correct a foot problem I have. How much will Medicare pay for these special shoes?

ANSWER: Orthopedic shoes are not covered under Medicare unless they are part of a leg brace prescribed by your orthopedist. It appears your prescription would not allow for reimbursement.

QUESTION: Lately I have heard a lot about the "Personal Benefits Statement" and that everyone should send for it. I'm only 28 years old. Why should I get one now, I won't be retiring for a long time?

ANSWER: Getting the statement is valuable to you for two reasons. First, it enables you to check your earnings record to make sure that your earnings are reported correctly (you should do this every three years). Second, it also provides you with an estimate of the benefits you might receive in the future so you can do financial planning while you are still young.

QUESTION: My brother, who is receiving SSI payments, has suddenly left town and we can't locate him. His check arrived today with his regular mail. What should I do with it? Can I deposit it for him?

ANSWER: No, you can't deposit or otherwise negotiate his check. The check must be returned to the Social Security Administration. His eligibility for SSI will be suspended until he can be located. If after 12 months, he is still missing, his eligibility will be terminated. He will have to file a new application to re-establish eligibility for SSI.

QUESTION: My aunt has been in the hospital for over a month with a serious infection. There has been only slight improvement in her condition. The doctor says her recovery may re-

quire a long hospital stay. Will there come a time when Medicare will no longer pay for her hospital care?

ANSWER: The new Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act gives added coverage to people with extended medically necessary hospital stays. If your aunt's hospital stay continues to be covered by Medicare, the Medicare hospital insurance will pay for unlimited medically necessary inpatient hospital care. She has a single annual deductible, \$560 in 1989. There may also be coverage for care in an extended care facility. Contact a Social Security office or her Medicare carrier for more details.

QUESTION: I became acquainted with a couple who recently immigrated to the United States. They arrived with very little and need some assistance until they become better established here. Can they receive some type of benefits through the Supplemental Security Income program?

ANSWER: In addition to having limited income and resources, they must also be either age 65 or older, blind, or disabled. If they are legally admitted for permanent residence and they have a sponsor, their sponsor's income and resources may also count for 3 years after admission to the United States. If they are not U.S. citizens, they also have to meet legal residency requirements to get SSI benefits.

QUESTION: I will be 65 in August and plan to retire at that time. When should I go to apply for my Social Security?

ANSWER: If you want to start getting full benefits as soon as you turn 65, apply as early as 3 months before your birthday. You will also want to sign up for Medicare at the same time. You can make an appointment by calling 1-800-234-5772.

... "STAY TUNED"

In the twenty-eighth Chapter of St. Matthew, in the 19th through the 20th verses, Christ commands us to "...Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Here in the North/Northeast community, there are several local churches who have read this particular scripture and are doing something

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