

RELIGION

Choose Whom Ye May Serve

BY MATTIE ANN CALLIER-SPEARS

This past year, 1991, we mourned the loss of so many of our young who died needlessly at the hands of one another. We are still remembering and we are still feeling the impact of what happened. There is trouble at each door but if those who are opening the door are without the Holy spirit (or the Comforter)...trouble will consume you.

You can handle nothing! -- all by yourself. Unless you have the love, the mercy of Jesus Christ, the abiding faith in Jesus Christ and you've put on the full armour of the Lord -- you cannot stand.

Oh -- things may seem to be going just fine. Then, one day you will see evil in the nude. You won't make it unless you have God on your side.

We're now engaged in a spiritual warfare. Some feel trapped and are testing whether that power or the power given us by God Almighty can long endure.

Whom do ye serve? If you're tired of being taken upon pinnacles of supposedly success, only to find that it's a heap of filth and rot and shame; then -- turn now! Today! Make a commitment to serve the Almighty and the Everlasting God our Father.

Choose whom ye shall serve. Turn away from your wicked ways. Get yourself in a position where you can see. Get yourself in a position where

you can hear God's instructions. Psalms the 46th chapter and the 10th verse states, "Be still and KNOW that I am God". Put your eyes, your mind and your heart on Jesus Christ and He will heal your sin sick soul.

God has (through the years) spared many of our lives. He has given us second and even third chances; but, I ask you now -- what are you doing with the additional time that God has given to you? Are you having a good time out in the world? Are you not committed to anything because of fear? Are you living in the fast lane -- going 200 miles per hour only to find that you have gone absolutely N-o-w-h-e-r-e? Are you 20 or 30 years old looking like you're 50 or 60 years old? Are you hooked on drugs or alcohol and you can't get unhooked? Are you miserable because of what you think is for no apparent reason?

This is, now, 1992. Its not getting sooner; but, its later than you thought it was.

Try GOD! See what He can do! C'mon! You've tried everything else. So, why not try something that you can sink your spiritual teeth into. Instead of having a diet of water and rice that makes you think that you are full; then, why not try a hearty diet of meat and potatoes and become really full?

If you really and truly understand what I'm trying to say to you, don't let this year end with you being caught in

the same stupor and the same dilemma that this year found you in. Because.... it does not have to be that way -- forever.

There are many church buildings which stand with empty pews. There are too many wandering souls for this to be a truth.

Children of the Most High God, pray:

Hear our prayer, Oh Lord! Hear our prayer dear Abba! Our hands are sore and scarred from our labor in the fields of life.

Please give us clean hearts that we may serve Thee

Our backs are laid open from the whips

of persecution

But, give us clean hearts...Lord!

Help us to hold on -- even when our strength seems to fail us.

May your grips become tighter, Lord!

Oh, Lord! The world allures me and it tells me that -- I AM:

But, I'm asking you to let me not forget the cross.

We are the Light, the Salt and the Leaven of the world.

May we (the Christian Believers) Let the Christ in us shine.

May we extend our hands and hearts to touch others in the Holy Name of Jesus Christ.

Temple Baptist Church

The combined choirs of Temple Baptist Church, accompanied by orchestra and pipe organ, will present "Everlasting Light-A Christmas Carol for a Dark World" by Claire Coninger and Mark Hayes at two special Christmas concerts.

The concerts are scheduled for Saturday, December 19, at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 20, at 6:00 p.m.

"This musical drama will thrill the listener with the realization and renewed certainty that in the dark streets of our world, the 'Everlasting Light' of Jesus Christ still shines. It is His Love that brings new light to everyone's Christmas!" says Music Director and Conductor, Frances Maynard.

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Founded by Swedish Baptists in 1884, the English speaking congregation of Temple Baptist Church has a long tradition of musical excellence and is affiliated with the Baptist General Conference of the United States.

For further information, contact: Fran Maynard 233-5953.



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I Peter iv. 11

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