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# Welcome to a newsletter that has you in mind!



"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, (2) Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. (3) For

consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds." Hebrews 12:1-3.

Greetings, Saints of God! And welcome to Part II of: *Running for The Cause!* It's no time to give up now. Stay in the race!

As I mentioned last month, we are both players and fans in the arena of life. Therefore, I elected to use the game of sports as an example to enhance our understanding of what real players and fans do. Let's pick up where we left off after giving you three things that **Real Fans do:** 1) They are always early, 2) They will stay late, and 3) They don't care about the weather. Let me share three of five more with you.

Let's start with the fact that **Real Fans get the best seat** – they want to be sure they are close to the action. They want to see every hit, every shot, every move; they don't want to miss a thing! Why? Because Real Fans are proud to be up front. They want to be where the action is. And they will go to great extremes just to get a good seat. They will even purchase hot tickets just to get in the door. But things are not quite the same in the church arena. People will trickle in and take a back seat with a "don't bother me" look on their faces.

The Gospel of Mark gives an account about a man who was stricken to his bed, according to Mark 2:1-5. However, some fans of Jesus came along one day and made sure the stricken man got a front row seat. Hear what the Word says, "And again he entered into Capernaum after some days; and it was noised that he was in the house. (2) And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door: and he preached the word unto them. (3) And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four. (4) And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay. (5) When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins

#### be forgiven thee."

What an act of faith! They were determined to get a front row seat! I don't know about you, but Jesus is and will always be my Star Player. And I'm rooting for Him! The questions are: What kind of fan are you? And what qualifies you to be a fan? Let's move forward to the next thing Real Fans do.

**Real Fans never miss a game** – they are so possessed with their team or star players that it would practically kill them to miss a game, whether it's at the stadium or watching it on television. **Real Fans** will go to extreme measures to watch their team play! How many church gatherings do you miss?

The Bible teaches us that Jesus was always in the Temple on every Sabbath, as it was customary to do. The Word admonishes us to not forsake the assembling of ourselves together. It strongly admonishes us to come together to exhort one another, so much the more as we see the day approaching. I submit to you that we, too, should be building up and cheering for one another as well! Be a Real Fan and stay in church!

Real Fans memorize statistics – It amazes me how they can vividly recall dates, games and scores from years back, even before they were born, and give you stats on players who are long dead. What's more amazing is the fact that some of these sport fans are church folks who can't find the Book of Psalms in the Bible. Staggering! When they should be at home studying their Bibles, they are programming their minds with statistics about sports and other non-essential trivial. They have become so well-versed that they are ready for a career as a commentator. But when it comes to the Word of God, they are lost and without any real knowledge of the things of God. Lord help us!

We are not done yet. I'll see you back here in February 2024. Have a Merry Christmas and enjoy the holiday season!

Bishop, Dr. Willie J. Moore

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### Evangelist Diana Black-Tucker

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#### **Eternal Judgment**

Greetings, Everyone!

This month, we will finish looking at the sixth and final essential teaching written in **Hebrews 6:1-2** (*NKJV*). We will look at **verse 2**, "...of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment."

In the past eight months, we learned much about the five essential teachings: repentance, faith, baptism, laying on of hands and resurrection. This month, we will look at eternal judgment. In the Old Testament, judgment day was called the "Day of Yahweh," the day of the Lord. **Zephaniah** wrote about this in **1:14** (*ESV*), saying, "**The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there.**" In the New Testament, judgment day is called the "day of Christ." Paul mentions this in **Philippians 1:10-11** (*ESV*), "**So that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God." Paul said in <b>2 Timothy 4:1** that Christ judges the living and the dead when He comes to set up his Kingdom. Christ will judge us for our works based on what we have done or failed to do. As children of God, did we use our gifts according to God's purpose or for our own gain?

Ephesians 5:17 (ESV) says, "Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is." God wants everyone to repent and seek salvation so they will not be condemned (Mark 16:16). That is why God sent prophets in the Old Testament to tell the Israelites to repent (Joel 2:12-13). God sent Jesus Christ so that we can experience His grace and mercy in our lives (Titus 2:11). The writer of Hebrews is telling the readers the building block to receive salvation is through repentance and baptism, using our spiritual gifts and eschatology.

In Matthew 25, Christ talks about how we should be ready for His return and the final judgment. Starting at verse 32, Christ said He would gather all nations and separate people, the sheep from the goats. The sheep will go to His right and inherit the Kingdom prepared for them from the beginning. Their work in the Lord has blessed them. The goats will go to His left and enter the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. They are being cursed for lack of compassion and relationship with God. In verse 46, Christ also said, "And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." Those who are spiritually dead, the unsaved, will be judged before the Great White Throne.

In Revelation 20:11-15, the judgment didn't happen on earth because it's gone (2 Peter 3:10-13), nor in heaven because sinners are not allowed there. The books are open, and the dead (unsaved) that are kept in hell are judged, even those in the sea. Those souls will experience the second death. "According to Revelation 20:14 (ESV), "Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire." The eternal judgment is for sinners, based on their refusal to accept Christ as their Lord and Savior. If you haven't accepted Christ as your Savior, repent now because God loves you and doesn't wish anyone to perish. Revelations 20:15 (ESV) declares, "And if anyone's name was not found written in the Book of Life, he was thrown into the lake of fire."

I pray that this teaching was a blessing to you like it was for me. Happy Holidays, and may God continue to bless you in every area of your life.

Blessings,

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#### Your Life is a Sermon

In 2014, I accepted a position with a Northrop Grumman subsidiary in Saudi Arabia. Suffice it to say, I was a little bewildered and unclear as to why God opened a door halfway around the world in a Muslim country. I had prepared myself for a two-year tenure that turned into six years. A few months into my first year, I received an email from one of the Elders at my church in California. He wanted to know if I was preaching and teaching the gospel while in Saudi Arabia. I remember thinking he had no clue what was going on over here. He doesn't understand that I am just not in the Middle East; I'm in the headquarters of the Nation of Islam. And you have to exercise wisdom.

As I pondered how to respond, the Holy Ghost spoke to me and gave me these words, "Yes, I am preaching the Gospel and ministering every day, just not as ye suppose." What God was showing me is that you can preach a sermon without opening your mouth! God showed me that there is traditional preaching and nontraditional preaching. Traditional preaching is "crying loud and sparing not" (Isaiah 58:1). It's all about using words to expound on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Conversely, untraditional preaching is all about behavior and actions. There is a sayings that "Actions speak louder than words."

It was at that point I realized that every day I went to work and said a kind word to a co-worker, I preached a sermon. Every time I displayed an act of kindness, I preached a sermon. Every time I shunned evil for righteousness, I preached a sermon. Every time I resisted temptation, I preached a sermon. God expanded my territory and my thinking. He expanded my knowledge of Him. God helped me realize that He is bigger than tradition or anything we can imagine. He is bigger than religion and denominations. He is bigger than what we can ask or think.

When I tell my wife, "I love you," I'm preaching a sermon. When I honor my pastor, I am preaching a sermon. When I seek and follow peace with all men (and women), I'm preaching a sermon. When I tell someone "thank you," I'm preaching a sermon. When I hold my peace and let the Lord fight my battle, I'm preaching a sermon. Sometimes, my best sermons are wordless yet full of action!

Matthew 5:16 states, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." I am so glad the church taught me the song, *This little light of mine*, *I'm going to let it shine*. This song reminds me that my actions are always on display and impact people one way or the other. Christians are the light of the world because the Light of Jesus lives in us.

I made many friends in Saudi Arabia who did not look like me. Nor did they worship Jesus, the Christ, as I do. But I gained respect from my Muslim brothers because I stood on Christ, the solid Rock, and lived by biblical principles. I treated them with the same dignity and respect I expected from them. I demonstrated the Fruit of Spirit (**Galatians 5:22-23**) to the best of my ability because I knew that my words and, more importantly, my actions/behavior would make a difference. Today, I still receive messages from people who I had a positive impact on while working in Saudi Arabia. The Spirit of God and the precious blood of Jesus made all the difference.

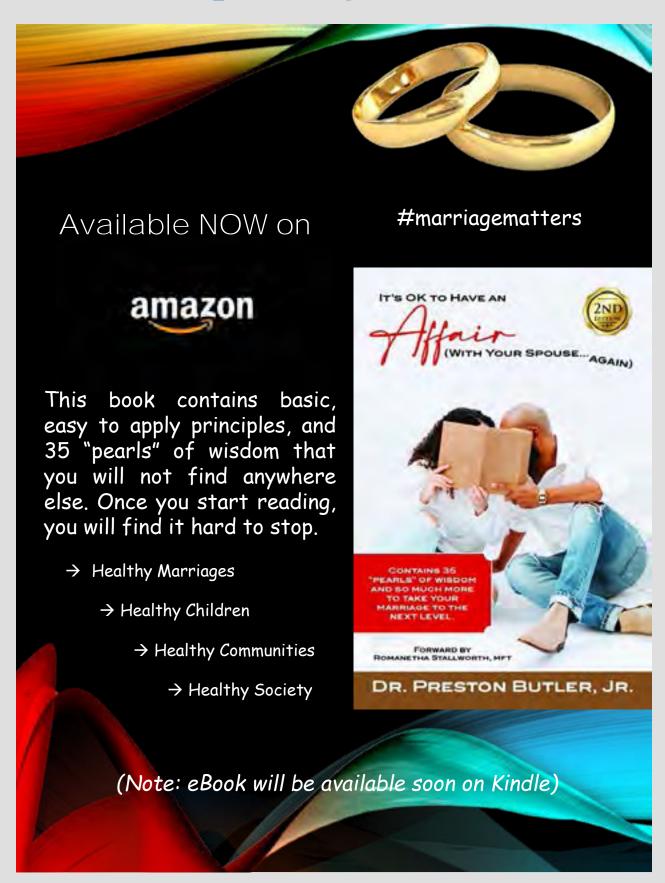
People place more emphasis on what we do versus what we say. So, word to the wise, let your actions be seasoned with grace and reflect the image of Christ. I am a living witness that our lives are a sermon. The question is, "What sermon is your life preaching?" Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Dr. Preston Butler, Jr. CEO, PK3 Enterprise

### **Upcoming Events**



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- To provide a venue for ministries to share what they are doing to enhance the Kingdom of God.
- To make these resources available electronically to God's people globally.

### Parting Words from The Publisher

### "Then David and the people who were with him raised their voices and wept until they had no more strength to weep." (1 Samuel 30:4).

If you know the story, David and his men suffered a great loss, so much so that it caused them to weep like babes. Moreover, David's men wanted to stone him for their troubles. But David prayed and sought the Lord for a remedy. God told him to pursue the enemy and take back their families and possessions. And so he did! What a Mighty God we serve!

In this edition, Evangelist Black-Tucker finishes her exhortation on **Hebrews 6:1-2**, ending with *Eternal Judgment*. Rest assured that Christ will judge the living and the dead. No one will escape! Therefore, it behooves us to give our lives to Him and live according to His Word, because He will judge us for the things done in our bodies. Live holy!

Dr. Butler makes it clear that our lives are a living sermon. It's what we say and do that cause others to see the God in us. Therefore, we are called to live a life of godliness with lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering while forbearing one another in love. So let the bullhorn of your life testify of the Lord Jesus Christ. These articles are powerful and time sensitive! Please share them!

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