

“[The Bereans] . . . searched the scriptures daily,

[to see] whether those things were so.” —Acts 17:11

Bless God!

T. A. McMahon

“Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name!”

—PSALM 103:1

WHAT DOES IT mean to “Bless the Lord”? What does it mean to “bless”? The latter is a bit easier to define than the former, but when it comes to definitions, especially of terms that relate to Scripture, I like to see how the 1828 Webster’s Dictionary (accessible online) defines it. Nearly all of the explanations given there for “bless” and “blessed” include examples of their use from the Bible (Genesis 2:3; Deuteronomy 15:4; 33:11; Psalm 103:1; Jeremiah 4:2; Luke 9:16; Revelation 14:13).

Many of the other terms found in the Webster’s 1828 *American Dictionary of the English Language* also feature examples from God’s Word. I remember the first time I used this dictionary. I wanted to get a better understanding of the word “blasphemy.” My thinking was that it simply meant using the Lord’s name in vain. That’s an example of blaspheming, but it misses a main explanation of the word cited by Webster: “Blasphemy is an injury offered to God, by denying that which is due and belonging to him, or attributing to him that which is not agreeable to his nature.” In other words, the term also has to do with mischaracterizing God and therefore includes all the false teachings that abound about God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. It goes without saying that no contemporary dictionary defines words by referring to the words of God.

So what does Noah Webster’s dictionary say about “bless” or “blessed”? He begins with the definition “expressing a wish or desire of happiness,” e.g., “Isaac blessing Jacob” (Genesis 28:3). Then he adds “the desire to make happy; to make successful; to prosper in temporal concerns”; as in “we are blessed with peace and plenty.” Deuteronomy 15:18, he notes, declares “The Lord thy God shall *bless* thee in all thou doest” (emphasis added). Revelation 14:13 tells of those who die in the Lord being blessed for eternity. Consecration for God’s purposes is found in Genesis 2:3: “And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it.” “Blessed” means to consecrate by prayer; to invoke a blessing upon, as in Luke 9:16: “And Jesus took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven he blessed them.” It also includes praising and glorifying God for all of the blessings we have received.

Then we come to an aspect of blessing that is mostly lost today, and that is—blessing God. I remember that for months following

the Islamic terrorist attack of September 11, 2001, on the US, the foremost rallying cry was “God bless America!” That was certainly something we all very much wanted. But that wish begs one critical question: *why should God bless America?* Even a cursory look at where America is heading spiritually should give one second thoughts about God blessing us.

Why *should* God bless America? The litany of offenses against the righteous God could fill the rest of this article. Anyone who balks at using the term “antichrist” to characterize our country is either a) spiritually burying his head in the sand, or b) clueless regarding the teachings of the Bible, God’s holy Word. For those who may be of that mindset, consider the issues of abortion, homosexuality and gay marriage, marijuana legalization, prayer censorship in schools, evolution, transgenderism, increasing legislations directed against biblical beliefs and practices, e.g., public preaching and evangelizing, even against public praying and witnessing, etc. Whatever is opposed to the teachings of Christ is antichrist and quite obviously cannot receive the blessings of God. Tragically instead, this country will collectively reap what it has sown. In Jeremiah 4:2 we learn that “The nations shall *bless* themselves *in him*, and *in him* they shall glory.” If the “in him” is missing, so is the blessing.

Yet for some, the reaping will be blessings: “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not” (Galatians 6:7-9). Our blessings are due to our blessing God: “Bless the Lord, O my

soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name” (Psalm 103:1). That involves a host of things, including our praise, our worship, our adoration, our submission, our obedience, our thankfulness, and our trust in Him, all of which please our Lord and Savior.

The testimony of Enoch found in Hebrews 11:5-6 incorporates pleasing God and the resulting blessing: “By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that *he pleased God*. But without faith it is impossible to *please Him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that *He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him*” (emphasis added). Some believers tend to shy away from seeking God’s blessings as an overreaction to the corrupted teachings of the “prosperity preachers.” But that can be as wrong as the false teachings themselves, leading to not pleasing or blessing God by not obeying His Word. Clearly, these verses declare that

I WILL EXTOL THEE, MY GOD, O KING; AND I WILL BLESS THY NAME FOR EVER AND EVER. EVERY DAY WILL I BLESS THEE; AND I WILL PRAISE THY NAME FOR EVER AND EVER. GREAT IS THE LORD, AND GREATLY TO BE PRAISED; AND HIS GREATNESS IS UNSEARCHABLE....

MY MOUTH SHALL SPEAK THE PRAISE OF THE LORD: AND LET ALL FLESH BLESS HIS HOLY NAME FOR EVER AND EVER.

—Psalm 145:1-3, 21

we *must* “believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently *seek Him*.” When the “seek Him,” however, takes a back seat in favor of pursuing the reward, God is no longer being blessed. Our blessing the Lord is the antidote for a wrong emphasis on His blessings or for taking His blessings for granted. When we begin with Him—when He is our focus—we will be motivated to do things His way. That’s blessing God!

Therefore, blessing God should be our first concern as believers, and the foundation of that is revealed in the “first and great commandment”: “And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength” (Mark 12:30). That certainly reflects the “O my soul: and all that is within me” of Psalm 103:1. And the command to “love the Lord thy God” will manifest itself in obedience to Him: “Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father’s which sent me” (John 14:23-24).

Disobeying God’s Word is the antithesis of blessing God. Jesus indicated as much in His admonishment of those who claim to love Him: “And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?” (Luke 6:46). He then added this parable as an encouragement for those who would do what He said and as a warning to those who would reject His words: “Who-soever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great” (Luke 6:47-49). Disobedience leaves a man foundationless and subject to great ruin.

Not doing what God says quite obviously does not bless Him, but what about not being thankful for what He has done for us and continues to do for us? “Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits” (Psalm 103:2), which includes *all* of His benefits. Yet how many of our meals have gone by, personally and with others, without blessing God for them? No big deal? Well, Jesus thought thanking His Father was important enough to set the example for us, whether feeding the thousands or having a meal with His disciples.

What should be a big deal is blessing God in thanks for what took place on Calvary’s hill, Golgotha, where they crucified our Lord and Savior. “And He took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you” (Luke 22:19-20). The most important act in the history of mankind has been, in many churches, relegated to a once-in-a-while add-on event with the elements served up in business-like efficiency in order to expedite the experience. When that takes place as little more than a custom, it’s wrong. But even given the misuses of communion, we can be grateful that that’s not the only time the overwhelming sacrifice of Jesus is remembered. Even so, it’s terribly grievous that thanking God for His “unspeakable gift

[indescribable, far beyond being expressed in words]” (2 Corinthians 9:15) seems to have gone awry. But that’s not new for God’s people.

In Psalm 95, which contains wonderful words of blessing God, we nevertheless find God warning His people not to slip away from Him as their fathers did, losing sight of His ways, falling into temptation, and consequently rebelling against Him.

“O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also. The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land. O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness: When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work. Forty years

long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways: Unto whom I swear in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest” (Psalm 95).

Those are glorious words followed by a serious warning. It’s comparable to the admonishment Jesus gave to the church at Ephesus in Revelation 2:4-5. Those believers, the bride of Christ, had “left their first love.” The consequence would be losing the light of God’s words and turning away from His truth.

Psalm 96, on the other hand, rights the wrong of failing to bless God as it looks forward to Christ’s Second Coming. “O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth. Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory

among the heathen, his wonders among all people. For the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the LORD made the heavens. Honour and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. Give unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength. Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts. O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth. Say among the heathen that the LORD reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof. Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the LORD: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth” (Psalm 96).

Lastly, blessing God by extolling His attributes must be a major part of our witnessing. As the psalmist wrote, “Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day” (Psalm 96:2). “The LORD hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen” (Psalm 98:2). This reveals the purpose of blessing. Too frequently we hear the words “God bless you” (even shortened to “God bless”) reduced to a contentless gesture following a sneeze or the closing of correspondence. God does indeed bless, as we noted, but it would serve us all better in this day of overwhelming self-preoccupation if we would give priority to *blessing God*.

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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QUESTION: In the past, you've talked about being "sure about going to heaven." Would you please comment on the following statement by Dr. A. W. Tozer in his *Renewal Day by Day*: "The man who is seriously convinced that he deserves to go to hell is not likely to go there, while the man who believes that he is worthy of heaven will certainly never enter that blessed place."

RESPONSE: The only certainty of heaven to which I have ever referred is based upon faith in Christ and His Word, which promise eternal life as a free gift of God's grace. Heaven is the believer's sure destination, not because he merits it but because of the redemption which is in Christ Jesus: "I give [my sheep] eternal life; and they shall never perish" (John 10:27-28); "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may *know* that ye *have* eternal life" (1 John 5:13); etc. Although confident of heaven because of what Christ has done, the believer is at the same time very conscious of his own unworthiness. It is, in fact, the realization that he deserves hell that has caused him to turn to Christ. In contrast, Tozer is referring to "the man who believes that he is *worthy* [in himself] of heaven." That person is lost because obviously he has not believed the gospel and is not trusting in Christ alone for his salvation.

QUESTION: I've heard several speakers lately say that Jesus was afraid that Satan would kill Him prematurely in the Garden of Gethsemane before He could get to the cross. And that's why He cried out, "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me," the "cup" being a premature death in the Garden. Is that true?

RESPONSE: Hardly. Dying on the cross as the sacrifice for sin was the culmination of Christ's purpose in being born into this world. The prophets had foretold it and Christ himself had confirmed it (Matthew 16:21; John 12:32-33). Nothing and no one could have killed Him or otherwise prevented the fulfillment of His mission.

Jesus is God. Neither man nor Satan could take His life. He declared, "I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again" (John 10:17-18). How, then, could He have been afraid that Satan might take His life? Christ is also perfect, sinless man—the one and only God-man. As man, He would not for a moment have been in fear of Satan slaying Him, for He was walking in perfect obedience to and under the complete care of His Father. To suggest such a fear indicts Christ with the rankest unbelief. Furthermore, Christ is God and infinitely stronger than Satan!

Remember, also, that after asking if the cup might pass from Him, Christ said, "nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done" (Luke 22:42). If the "cup" He wanted to escape was death in the Garden, then by saying "nevertheless...thy will be done," Christ was suggesting that it might be the Father's will for Him to die in the Garden at the hands of Satan rather than to pay for our sins upon the cross, which is unthinkable.

Nor was the "cup" the physical pain of being crucified. Many had bravely endured crucifixion and Jesus was no coward. The "cup" from which He shrank was the awful separation from God which His justice required as the penalty for sin: that His holy soul would be made "an offering for sin" (Isaiah 53:10)—He would literally be "made [to be] sin for us" (2 Corinthians 5:21). His prayer, therefore, was an earnest request from Son to Father: "Might there not be some other possible means of saving sinners?" The Father's

answer was "No." We know, therefore, that Christ's death upon the cross as our sin-bearer was and is the only way of salvation. Horrible beyond comprehension, what He endured we will never know. He fully paid that penalty for us.

QUESTION: We can't seem to find a church in our area that has godly leadership and biblical preaching. We feel so alone and now just read the Bible and pray at home. What should we do? How do we find a good church?

RESPONSE: It is a sad commentary on the state of the church that we receive many such queries.

What marks a "healthy" church? Crucial to the answer is Matthew 18:20: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst...." Christ himself must be the central focus—not a pastor, gripping sermons, a strong missionary emphasis, exciting youth programs, compatible fellow members, or even agreeable doctrines, important as all these factors are. A fervent love for Christ and a heartfelt corporate worship of His Person must be the primary mark of a healthy church. The early church was thus characterized. It met regularly on the first day of the week in remembrance of His death. That weekly outpouring of praise, worship, and thanksgiving had one purpose—to give God His due portion. It isn't primarily a matter of my need, my edification, my enjoyment, or my spiritual satisfaction, but of His worth in my eyes and in the eyes of the church.

As I see it, our secondary focus should be our opportunity for servanthood with a corporate body of believers. I give myself to a needy, imperfect people for whom I can pray, with whose needs I can concern myself in practical ways, to whom I can be an encourager and a minister of the Word, and among whom I can demonstrate and work out Christ's desire that His own "might be one." This fellowship is commanded: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together" (Hebrews 10:25). Is it our joy to gather with God's people in intercessory prayer and study of the Word, or is Sunday-morning-only quite enough? A healthy church will gather not only unto Him, but with each other.

Lastly, I need to assess my own spiritual needs. The shepherds must provide the spiritual food that will nurture the flock, that it might be "thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Timothy 3:17). That's a big order and requires, of course, a teachable flock that loves the Word and is in willing subjection to it. The shepherds must also guard the flock of God by keeping out false and dangerous doctrines contrary to the truth. They must adhere to the pure Word of God as the only authority for faith and morals.

You say, "Wonderful! Lead me to such a church." Remember, however, the order of priority: worship (do you worship sincerely, wholeheartedly, and in a manner satisfying to the Object of that worship?); servanthood (do you serve, even as Christ gave us an example, with humility and with joy?); personal needs (are you growing, maturing, taking on Christ's character?).

The final decision as to your church affiliation must be, prayerfully, yours. Is your personal worship of the Savior so joyful and satisfying a thing both to you and to Him that it supersedes other considerations? Do your opportunities for service render your fellowship sufficiently meaningful and significant? Or do doctrinal concerns or lack of biblical preaching and teaching cancel out the other two? You must seek the Lord for His answer. God's comforting assurance remains: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Dear TBC,

I just don't understand how Christians can so blindly follow everything and anything that says it is Christian. I feel so strongly that we must defend our faith, that we must stand up firmly and not allow the Gospel to be watered down or changed in any way but it sure can be a lonely place as I have just found out. In my home we

TBC NOTES

Not a Broken Record

I know that I've repeated the lyrics of "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" more than once in my notes over the years, but the 1855 hymn by Joseph Scriven keeps encouraging me, comforting me, and reminding me of my wonderful and amazing Friend. So it's a joy for me to continually share Scriven's words—all for the blessing of those who read (or sing) them, and to the glory of Christ our Savior.

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and
griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God
in prayer!

Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless
pain we bear,

All because we do not carry everything to God
in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble
anywhere?

We should never be discouraged—take it to the Lord
in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our
sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord
in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a
load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge—take it to the Lord
in prayer.

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the
Lord in prayer!

In His arms He'll take and shield thee, thou wilt find
a solace there.

Blessed Savior, Thou hast promised Thou wilt all
our burdens bear;

May we ever, Lord, be bringing all to Thee in
earnest prayer.

Soon in glory bright, unclouded, there will be no
need for prayer—

Rapture, praise, and endless worship will be our
sweet portion there.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

will not allow things like *The Shack* or *The Purpose Driven Life* amongst many other things. I believe God is calling us to come away from those things.

Once again, I thank you for your website and I want to let you know that some of us do heed your warnings and we do take it to heart. I hope to be able to attend your conference in a couple of years. Blessings to you. NS (NZ)

Dear Berean Call,

I am 79 and was saved at the age of 11....I was very impressed with the article "Christ and Antichrist" by Dave Hunt in the July issue. I do my best to keep my life in order, as I may at any time stand before the God who created me! Wow! What a sobering thought. To see Him in all of His Glory!

I get a little disappointed as I do not see people giving their life to God, but I always remember, and as you have stated in [the newsletter], "we are told to preach the Gospel and not try to change the world." Today's message in church was to get stirred up when we hear of a person or church preaching a false gospel. And I really appreciate you telling it like it is and not allowing [some] to discredit what you are doing as you bring the false people into the light. WO (PA)

Dear Berean Call,

God bless you all and thank you for the response. I write many places and sometimes get no response. Being in prison, I can't jump on the Internet and research. I have to depend on the Bible, of course, and carefully consider the commentary of others. But we know that in this day many are spiritually deaf and blind, however, and their "leaders" deceive untold myriads of believers.

Fairly recently I learned of your ministry from a dear brother who received your newsletter. He used to be into *The Purpose Driven Life* and he found the truth [about it]. GB (CA, prisoner)

Dear T. A. and Staff,

Thank you for the article "How's Your Walk with the Lord Going?" (5/17). You are so right about consumer Christians. What a shame that so many are blinded in the "feel good" ministries.... I was also touched in concern over a letter to you saying you are arrogant and critical in calling out the deception of the word-faith ministries.

I was once caught up in that before the Lord delivered me with His truth. What a bondage to be put in, to think that your tongue dictates whether you're healed or prosperous, etc. It's a ministry of self-condemnation. Besides that, who are we to think we can dictate to the Lord what He should be doing for us? MT (NY)

QUOTABLE.....

Blessed it is to recognize in the temporal, creative mercies of each day, the evidences of a loving Father's care. "He giveth us richly all things to enjoy." To receive all as from His own hand, giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus, is to honor the Giver in the use of His gifts.

There is a golden mean between fleshly asceticism on the one hand which discounts many of God's gifts and thus throws discredit on Him who provides them, and carnal self-indulgence on the other hand which uses the mercies of God with no regard of Him from whom they come, and in such a way as to turn even our blessings into curses. We should ever recognize the bounty of our Father in these things, and, whether we eat or drink, do all to His glory, our hearts going out to Him in adoring gratitude.

—H. A. IRONSIDE

NEWSWATCH

News stories are selected for reader awareness and as an exercise
in discerning the times from a biblical perspective.

STATE DEPARTMENT: NO LONGER GENOCIDE

CHRISTIANPOST.COM, 7/26/17, "ISIS' 'GENOCIDE' OF CHRISTIANS REFERENCES REMOVED FROM STATE DEPT. DOCUMENTS" [EXCERPTS]: Lawyers at the United States State Department have removed the word "genocide" from speeches and official documents that describe the Islamic State's brutal treatment of Christians, Yazidis and other religious minorities in Iraq and Syria, human rights activists have warned.

A report published by the Washington Free Beacon cites human rights activists and attorneys familiar with State Department policies who claim that top State Department lawyers "are systematically removing the word 'genocide' to describe the Islamic State's mass slaughter of Christians, Yazidis, and other ethnic minorities" from speeches before they are delivered and from official State Department documents.

Nina Shea, a respected human rights activist and former commissioner on the congressionally-mandated U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, [said] that Richard Visek, the State Department's Acting Legal Adviser, who was appointed by President Barack Obama, is behind the decision to remove the term "genocide" from official documents and speeches.

"I don't think for a minute it's a bureaucratic decision—it's ideological..." [said] Shea, who currently serves as the director of the Hudson Institute's Center for Religious Freedom in Washington D.C.

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CHINA CONTINUES TO HOLD GAO ZHISHENG

CHRISTIANHEADLINES.COM, 9/6/17, "CHINA CONTINUES TO HOLD AND PRESUMABLY TORTURE NOBEL NOMINEE GAO ZHISHENG" [EXCERPTS]: [At the time of this writing] Nearly a month has passed since Chinese Christian human rights lawyer Gao Zhisheng was presumably taken by state security from his home near Shaanxi's Yulin city on the morning of August 13, where he was under house arrest. The whereabouts of Gao, reputed as the "Conscience of China," are still unknown. As is typical in these cases, he could face torture in a black jail hidden away in rural province.

Gao became the target of Chinese authorities for defending the most vulnerable in China (including Christians, coal

miners, and Falun Gong practitioners). He has been kidnapped...repeatedly endured torture, including beatings, sleep deprivation, and electric shock, and spent many years in jail and solitary confinement.

The causes for his disappearance could be many, including President Xi Jinping's retaliation for Gao's recently published memoir, in which he heavily criticized the Communist Party and predicted a 2017 collapse of the regime; the upcoming 19th Party Congress, a major power show where Beijing wants no accidents...or for interviews he recently gave to the media in Hong Kong and the US, detailing torture and inhumane treatment.

His disappearance is concerning when details of past torture and abductions, recorded in his books, are taken into account. Years in captivity have decayed his health as he suffers tooth loss and other health problems.

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LOST CITY OF JESUS' APOSTLES FOUND

HAARETZ.COM, 8/8/17, "THE LOST CITY OF JESUS' APOSTLES HAS JUST BEEN FOUND, ARCHAEOLOGISTS SAY" [EXCERPTS]: Archaeologists think they may have found the lost Roman city of Julias, the home of three apostles of Jesus: Peter, Andrew and Philip (John 1:44; 12:21). A multi-layered site discovered on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee, in the Bethsaida Valley Nature Reserve, is the spot, the team believes.

The key discovery is of an advanced Roman-style bathhouse. That in and of itself indicates that there had been a city there, not just a fishing village, Dr. Mordechai Aviam of Kinneret College [said].

None other than the Jewish historian Josephus Flavius—in fact the only source describing this city's existence—wrote that the Jewish monarch King Philip Herod, son of the great vassal King Herod, transformed Bethsaida, which had been a Jewish fishing village, into a real Roman polis (*Antiquities*, 18:28).

"Josephus reported that the king had upgraded Bethsaida from a village into a polis, a proper city," Aviam says meticulously. "He didn't say it had been built on or beside or underneath it. And indeed, all this time, we have not known where it was. But the bathhouse attests to the existence of urban culture."

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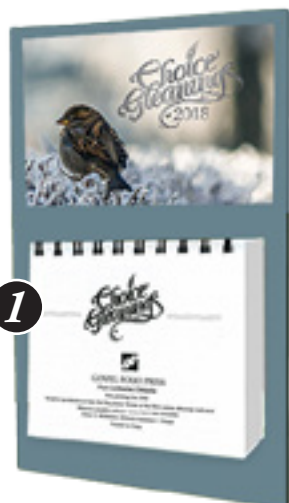
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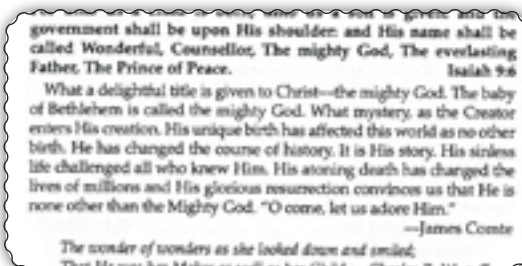
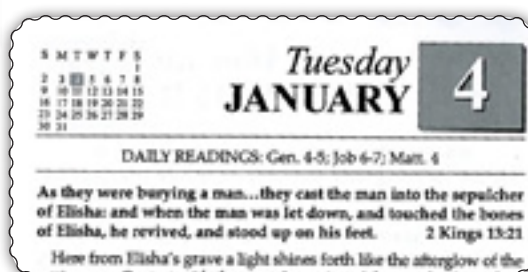


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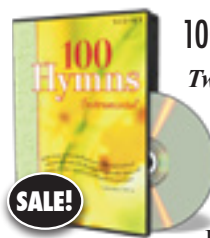


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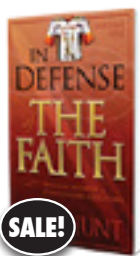
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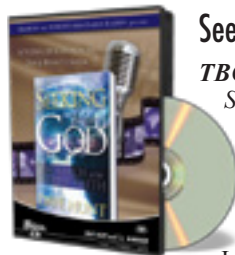
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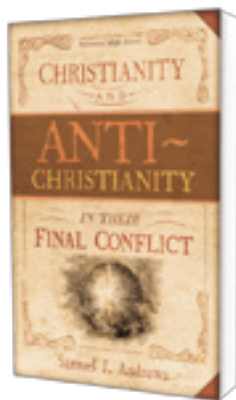
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