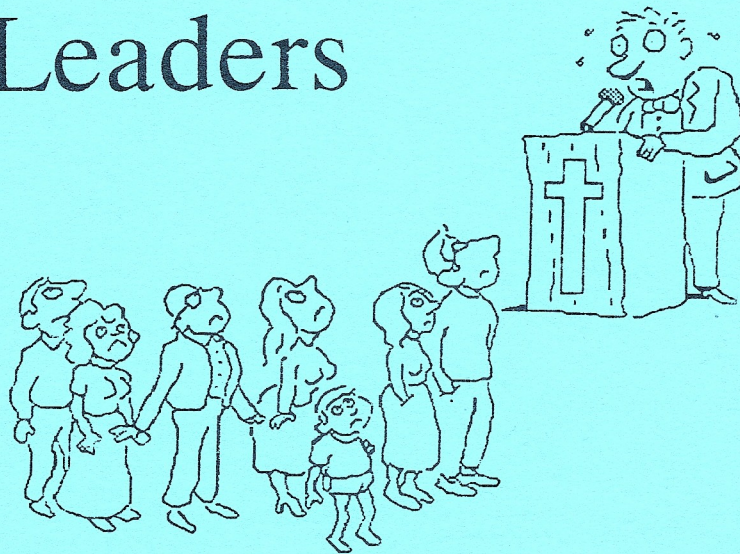


Booklet 40

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Today we are laboring under the curse of frightened leaders. Our world is led by frightened leaders in every field of endeavor including the economic, religious, social, educational and political spheres.

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love and of a sound mind." (**II Timothy 1:7**)

"There is no fear in love, but perfect love casteth out fear because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love." (**I John 4:18**)

James warns us that those who aspire to lead and teach *must* be judged with greater strictness than the rank and file.

"My brethren, be not many masters (teachers), knowing that we shall receive the greater (stricter) condemnation (judgment)." (**James 3:1**)

Everywhere today many filled with zealous ambition come forth clamoring to be leaders. They anxiously *appoint themselves* instead of waiting on the Lord to do the choosing and sending forth. Sadly, it seems that everybody wants to be a *chief* but no one wants to be an *Indian*! Surely it grieves the heart of the Lord for He knows that followers *do not rise above their leaders*.

Such grasping for leadership is often cloaked under the cover of pious religious zeal but very few are actually willing to pay the price. To be a leader in God's army you *must* overcome pride and fear.

You must be willing to humble yourself and serve an apprenticeship under those who are more mature in the Lord. There must also be a willingness to take an unpopular stand to be faithful to the Lord and his principles.

In Joshua 1:8, 9 God promises to go with His people. Joshua was commanded that the law should never depart out of his mouth. He was to mediate in it day and night and to do all that was written

therein. This would insure that his way was prosperous and successful. Here God gives **His** formula and the spiritual key to achieving a productive and fruitful life, doing the works of Jesus.

Many zealous and ambitious folk are seeking to manipulate God using the same means employed by the world system. Great numbers of religious groups and *so-called ministries* are financed by secular religious fund raising. All types of carnal hoopla and hype are utilized under a religious veneer. This is disgusting and nauseating for *scripture teaches no such thing*.

If God is unwilling to support a work or "ministry" it should be permitted to expire peacefully. There is no reason to prolong the misery. It should be taken off the life support machines and allowed to die in peace! Why should we try to pump artificial life into a religious corpse which God has abandoned? Even if God might have initiated some of these things at the outset, when they were hijacked by the enemy they lost His blessing. Still determined but misguided leaders will battle to give life to the cadaver with lavish and expensive promotions and religious programs. They neither know nor care that the Holy Spirit has departed, writing *Ichabod* over the entire operation. **(I Samuel 4:21, 22)**.

After God writes *Ichabod* over a minister or ministry it is a mockery and a fraud to attempt to keep the zombie going. Nothing is then left but *soul power* and a great host of religious evil spirits.

These demonic forces are constantly empowering and financing such disasters and visionary *new* projects. The terrible travesty is that such evil spirits seem to have little difficulty in finding foolish humans who are eager to be their tools to steal, kill and destroy.

Blinded by success, like carnal Samson *they do not know that God has departed from them*. Shaking themselves as before, they charge out confidently in *soul power*. This puts them firmly under demonic control.

Counterfeiting religious spirits will cause people to leap up and shout hallelujah; to clap; to applaud or turn cartwheels down the aisle. Demons can mouth empty "*praise*" and mimic all the gifts. They can cause speakers to preach loudly, fervently and with great sincerity.

From pulpits or on radio and T.V. they shriek hysterically, swallowing the mike and even having holy hiccups at the end of every sentence. I do not know how long they practice to learn how to use various methods of manipulating crowds. Some have hands laid on them and receive a load of these religious demons.

Equating volume with power, they loudly shout the message, lying convincingly to raise money. The dead giveaway is the constant emphasis on money, money, money. *When your batter is thin you have to fling it hard to make it stick!* This does not mean that all loud and excited preaching is in this category. However, there are flocks of phony, noisy people using volume and bombast to cover the emptiness of what they say.

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits to see if they be of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world."
(I John 4:1)

So often unseasoned workers have moved from Holy Spirit power into *soul power* and the dupe who is involved does not, even mow the difference. A very famous television Preacher had a very brief encounter with deliverance. Even this rather superficial contact caused him to realize and to say publicly that for many years he had moved and preached under demon power!

All the time he and his associates thought that he was under a mighty anointing of the Holy Spirit. It is too bad that he did not pursue deliverance further for he would have discovered much more about the hidden works of darkness and their clever deceptions in modern day churches.

What a horrible time this is when **leaders** are unaware of *who the Holy Spirit is and what He is not*. Using the scriptures selectively to "prove" their peculiar positions and doctrines *they do err, knowing neither the scriptures nor the power of God!* (**Matthew 22:29; Mark 12:24**)

Anything can be "proof texted" from the Bible. For example: **You should commit suicide and you ought to do it right away.** "*Judas went out and hanged himself.*" "*Jesus said go thou and do likewise*" and "*What thou doest, do quickly.*" Ridiculous? Of course it is!

However that forcing of scripture is about as theological and logical as a great deal of the wild preaching and teaching going on in our day.

Such rank idiocy promotes religious heresies, cults, isms, splits, squisms and spasms. Across the country there are groups built and operating on just such ridiculously flimsy and nonsensical twisting of the Word of God. Some man or woman's weird and demonic ideas and speculations are being enthusiastically promoted.

"Have I not commanded thee, be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed for, the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." (**Joshua 1:9**)

God told Joshua not to fear for there are many frightening things which can panic and paralyze leaders. They receive special attack from the enemy for God's people cannot be guided right by those so driven. Demonic fears are demoralizing and destructive.

The Fear of the Lord (**Isaiah 11:2**) is quite different. It is a deep, reverential awe and worshipful attitude toward God and is said to be clean.

An example is King Jehosaphat who *feared*, called a fast and sought the Lord. He was not a "Pollyanna" who said everything was fine. He faced the utter seriousness of the situation squarely and took appropriate action. **This is the kind of leader needed.**

"In nothing be terrified by your adversary." (**Philippians 1:28**)

"Hearken unto Me ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law. Fear ye not the reproach of men, neither ye be afraid of the revellings. "I, even I am He that comforteth you."
(**Isaiah 51:7, 12**)

If you walk with the Lord you are going to need comfort. As a baby Christian I remember how I enjoyed and liked to sing happy gospel songs (*and I still do*). I did notice that some of the mature Christians seemed to favor strange songs. These spoke about God standing with the believer through times of disappointment, sorrow and suffering. I wondered why they were attracted to such music. After I myself went through *God's grinder* a few times. I found out what the song writers

were experiencing. After this I sang them with tears of appreciation and loved the Lord more.

We can love happy songs and also the ones that cause the tears to flow. Maturity in the Lord brings an understanding of the faithfulness of the Lord through trials and dark days, no matter what happens. Thus we will move toward the "*balanced ministry*" everyone talks about but which few attain.

The Lord says, "*I, even I am He that comforteth you. Who art thou that thou shouldst be afraid of a man that shall die. And of the son of man which shall be made as grass.*" (**Isaiah 51:12**).

Why fear people who will be gone soon, dying like the grass? Twenty five or fifty years from now you will scarcely remember some of the things which are so distressing now. You will wonder why there were so many worries as you feared to cross those bridges which never materialized; why you lost so much rest over something that no longer matters.

"*God has not given to us a spirit of fear but power, love, sound mind.*" (**II Timothy 1:1**)

An evil spirit of fear is very much with us. But there is a *fear of the Lord* which is clean and will cause you to come before the Lord in reverence and holy fear. Rather than frightening it is an awesome and energizing thing. The fear of the enemy will paralyze, frighten and shake you up. Since God has not given us that kind of spirit, when that strikes it is not from the Lord.

The moment such fear attacks bind the spirit and refuse to entertain him. Pray: "*God has not given me a Spirit of Fear: You are from the enemy so just keep moving. Go and find someone else who wants you. I reject you and rebuke you in the name of Jesus Christ.*"

"*The fear of man bringeth a snare but whoever puts his trust in the Lord shall be safe.*" (**Proverbs 29:25**)

These verses show us how God wants us to regard things. Those in leadership who are caught in the throes of fears can and do make dreadful mistakes.

"Now therefore go to proclaim in the ears of the people saying whosoever is fearful and afraid let him return and depart early from Mount Gilead." (**Judges 7:3**)

Gideon's army dropped from 32,000 to 10,000. Fear has decimated countless armies and brought ignominious defeat. Gideon finally had only 300 men. I am sure he had a real problem with this and assumed the Lord wanted a martyr.

There was no way that he and his 300 could win over 200,000 or more enemy troops. However, he was faithful and saw the glorious victory of God. **I Samuel 15:22-26** tells how King Saul fell into *presumptuous sin*.

The ruler came up with an excuse and blamed the people for his disobedience. This was a lie, for it was his idea. He probably came up with the excuse on the spur of the moment because he was so frightened by Samuel's arrival.

Samuel said: *"Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and in sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold to obey is better than sacrifice to hearken better than the fat of rams;"*

"For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft; stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou has receded the Word of the Lord, He has also rejected thee from being king." (**I Samuel 15:22, 23**)

Other verses indicate that Saul *feared* the people. What a tragic situation! Although Saul was the political head of the nation, he was dominated by fear and lost his throne even while he sat on it! He held the title for a long time after this but he deteriorated rapidly as a leader.

God demoted him from his position because he was fearful and desired to please the people more than God. How many crowd pleasing preachers have gone down to disaster doing the same thing? The crowd is always fickle. Remember the same crowd who shouted "Hosanna!" as Jesus came into the city shrieked "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" a short time later.

"Zedekiah the king said unto Jeremiah, I am afraid of the Jews that fall to the Chaldeans lest they deliver me into their hard hand and they mock me."

"But Jeremiah said, They will deliver thee, obey I beseech you the voice of the Lord which I speak unto thee so it shall be well unto thee and thy soul shall live." (Jeremiah 38:19, 20)

The prophet urged the king to surrender to the Chaldeans and save his life. The terrified leader said he feared that Jeremiah was lying. This king feared and did not obey the voice of the Lord through His prophet.

Consequently, his sons were executed in front of his eyes; his capital city was besieged and fell. The king's eyes were burned out and he was led away in chains as a captive. All this came about because of his fear to obey the voice of the Lord God.

"When Peter was come to Antioch, I, Paul, withstood him to the face because he was to be blamed;"

"For before that certain came from James he did eat with the Gentiles but when they were come he withdrew, separated himself fearing them that were of the circumcision." (Galatians 2:11, 12).

Peter was in full fellowship with the Gentile believers until some folk from "denominational headquarters" arrived. He quickly withdrew himself from those with whom he had formerly fellowshiped and catered to the newcomers. Paul was outraged and stood up, confronting him before the entire church. Today we are told by some to be loving and never mention any failures of the brethren. Paul did not use this modern method of side stepping issues and hiding sin. The sin was public and so was the rebuke.

Today this approach is about as popular as a case of the seven year itch. If you dare to cry aloud about the abominations perpetuated in the name of Jesus; if you lift your voice in indignation about exalting the idolatry promoted by the Babylonian Roman Catholic system you are said to be out of order.

According to the new "love" doctrine you must not do anything so crude or "unloving." *Those who practice such heresies are to be embraced as brethren and no word of protest is permitted.* However we **cannot** be associated with the Roman Catholic harlot system. It is true that some of her ensnared people may be born again because they have received Jesus Christ as saviour.

However, these poor people are enmeshed in a system which teaches *idolatry, strips Jesus of His position and glorifies His mother.* They do not speak of the Mary of the Bible but Semiramis. The infant in her arms is *not* Jesus Christ, but Tammuz, the abominable son of Nimrod.

When that cup of abomination is lifted up people are instructed to look to it worshipfully. Christians ought to know the truth. A majority of Hegewisch members are former Roman Catholics. They came out of her because they were seeking freedom, joy and the peace Jesus alone can give.

"Come out of her my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." (**Revelation 18:4**)

"Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate saith the Lord; and touch not the unclean thing and I will receive you."
(**II Corinthians 6:17**)

When something is wrong it should be exposed. This includes big name evangelists who use secular fund raisers. *If they sink under the load of their debts, good!* God is the one who said "**owe no man anything.**" It is no wonder they are going under. Claiming to have a vision from God they plunged recklessly into debt. They should have let **God** implement it and then He would finance it.

So many of these hotshot preachers think that *everything* they think or say is straight from the mouth and mind of God. Such arrogance has caused reckless and foolhardy ventures which are a disgrace and not worthy of being associated with the precious name of Jesus Christ. They launch stupid and extravagant projects and expect God's people to come in and pay the bills.

The Hegewisch deliverance ministry is the result of several very real visions the Lord gave to me. Because I do not go about continually

tooting my horn about it and *I refuse to implement the vision* people may not realize that this is the fact. Waiting on God to do this paid off and the church stands completely debt free.

There has never been any necessity to use high pressure hype, special offerings, fund raising drives and pledges or other programs. God sent in the money to pay for everything. Our present building cost \$250,000.00. By careful management of our funds, we had saved \$207,000.00. Six months after moving into the building in October, 1978 we were able to pay off the \$43,000 note. *The money came in without special offering, announcements or drives for money.* I am convinced there is no reason for churches to be under crushing multi-million dollar mortgages: There are preachers all over the land who are laboring under constant worries and fears because of huge building debts and bond payments. Every Sunday night it's Stewardship Night to meet the budget. This is a shame.

God's people need to cut back and live within their means, not burden themselves with crushing debts. God's rules of finance are found in **Proverbs** and they will work for both individuals and churches.

We must cut back extravagant expenditures trying to keep up with the world system. When our nation's economy eventually explodes and collapses most of the churches in the country will also go. There will be no need for government intervention to destroy them.

They will self-destruct; ruined by their heavy mortgages. Frightened leaders must concentrate on raising funds because they are over-obligated financially. Everyone has heard endless television "*beg-a-thons*." Scores of radio programs regularly plead for money to stay on the air. **There is no New Testament precedent for such wholesale siphoning and begging for money utilizing all sorts of cheap gimmicks and trickery.**

Even God's anointed leaders are often cursed with gigantic *inherited debts* made by foolish, pride-filled visionaries. These fools rush in, refusing to wait for God to make the way. Soon after creating the debt debacle, the authors of the disaster will be suddenly attacked by the "*led*" disease. They rush off, bragging and braying, to afflict other congregations and groups with their reckless and stupid schemes.

Someone else always has to come and try to make sense out of the financial chaos. It is sad that these hucksters and promoters should be running loose among the people of God. Hundreds of thousands of dollars and endless hours of toil and turmoil have been expended to fuel these catastrophic ventures.

When the Israelites built the temple *they did not go into debt for it*. They did not go to Egypt to secure a loan to build their building. God's people have been snared by horrible economic nooses. This loads their preachers with unbelievable pressures to raise money to meet payments.

They are not free to give their time to the ministry of the Word which is their reason for being at the head of a flock. It is better to have to meet in substandard quarters and be financially solvent than to be in a mortgaged cathedral. At least you can devote yourself to doing the works of Jesus.

Another thing which curses leaders with fear is their conditioning and training to fit into denominational pens. One of the reasons such groups were first organized was to provide stability to the churches. Then the ministers would not be at the mercy and whims of unstable leaders and congregations.

Some of the arguments for getting together involved helping the poor preachers to have a decent livelihood, enlarging and streamlining evangelistic and missionary programs, etc. This did not last long for soon preachers were living in a house they did not own. They were increasingly under the control of "*denominational servants*."

The denominational workers' main job evolved into cranking out programs and reports to justify the existence of an ever enlarging bureaucracy and their **very** adequate salaries. These plans rapidly became directives for others to carry out, implement and finance.

Participation steadily became more and more coercive rather than voluntary. If someone were to follow the Holy Spirit and lead his church in a different way wrath and displeasure from the headquarters was not long in appearing. "Non-cooperative" became the worst sin imaginable.

Some groups are quite open about it for they have the whip hand and they know it. Often they hold the mortgage papers on the church and can dump non-conformists out unceremoniously on the street. Others, like the Baptists, have to be a bit more subtle but will still cut your throat. *I have long, jagged scars all over my back from such denominational workers who smiled to my face but stabbed me savagely as soon as my back was turned.*

Do not feel sorry for me for I survived it all. I did learn that when you are truly God-called often you must be a kind of maverick. When I was saved and later called to preach, I was in a Southern Baptist church. I began to preach in Southern Baptist churches and am still a Baptist preacher; properly licensed and ordained by my home church. However, **if I could not preach, all the papers in the world would not make me a preacher.**

Without a call of God no amount of schooling can produce a God-called preacher. *It is possible to manufacture professional religious politicians to manipulate people and be a good mixer.* However, in Acts when God was ready to send someone out the Holy Spirit said "**Separate Me Barnabus and Saul.**" He did not say "*Mix me up Barnabus and Saul.*" Preachers are not called to be good mixers, but to be separated from the world, unto God!

Many occupying pulpits are not called to preach and some are **not even born again.** You can speak glibly about salvation even if you have only been starched and ironed but never washed. Others who were genuinely called to preach have been imprisoned in a stifling denominational system.

They have little or no freedom and live in constant fear of denominational workers who might descend on them and turn their members against them. *This is not a New Testament situation.* Some preachers are fearful because last year's numbers are higher than the current year.

When I came to Hegewisch Baptist Church I had just been through the denominational mill again. Once more I had been betrayed and lied about for no reason by the "brethren." My heinous crime was that I failed to lick the right boots. I had always known since I was called by

God that my job was to preach the Bible and everything else was secondary or superfluous.

The week before I came to Chicago for a revival meeting at Hegewisch they had thirteen in Sunday school. When I preached there was a church full of people. No one in the tiny congregation knew them but God sent them in.

I did not want to move to Chicago. The little church had a great many problems, financial and otherwise. They were perched in a tiny building in the land of icebergs and polar bears! This southern fellow was only too glad to get on the train and return home after the very successful meetings.

While there, they unanimously called me to come and be their pastor. I told them they would have to move me and I felt safe. I was sure they could not raise the money. *One week later they called and had all the necessary funds!* I was shocked. I never did **not** want to come anywhere more than I did not want to come to Chicago but the Lord was insistent.

Just a few years ago I found out why it had to be Chicago. In dealing with a demon he moaned, *"Why, oh why didn't you stay in Texas, you idiot? Why did you have to go to Chicago?"* I said, *"The Lord told me to go there."* He said, *"I know that, but why didn't you stay in Texas?"* I asked what difference did that make. He said, *"Because you would never have gotten this ministry off the ground down in that Bible belt. We've got so many religious spirits there we could have blocked you and choked it out."*

God knows what He is doing and why. If you are going to fear anything you should fear displeasing the Lord and run His way, not fear man and go the wrong way. There are preachers who will not practice deliverance although they know it is right. They fear splitting their church. It is true that half the congregation will probably jump ship within the first three months.

Taught that if you lose members you are not succeeding they panic. To gain members is said to be equivalent to success therefore preachers pattern after the *"mushroom tabernacle"* movement. Mushrooms grow

up overnight and die off almost as fast for there is not much substance to them. It takes much longer to grow an oak tree from an acorn.

Most of the churches are dead wood, full of things which need to be removed. Deliverance is the best laxative I know and will positively move everything which needs to go. When it enters a situation things will take off. Many will dash off from other places but actually their roots were never there anyway.

It is surprising how many leaders do not belong in the positions they occupy. Sometimes the pastor does not even belong in the pulpit. He will flee the post because deliverance pulls the lid off a can of worms. One California man read a copy of ***Battling the Hosts of Hell*** and took it to his pastor. He said "*I saw this man minister and read this book. I wanted to see what you think, pastor.*" He had read it when the man returned a couple of weeks later to check on it.

The preacher told him that at first he thought Worley was Loony Tunes. But since this was supposed to be Biblical he set out to destroy the deliverance arguments with scripture. He pulled down his Hebrew and Greek lexicons from Bible school, quite certain that Worley's contentions were not in the scriptures at all.

However, he was amazed to find *he could not shake the arguments for deliverance*. The Bible actually did say what Worley had stated about demons! But he said, "*I couldn't do what he's talking about. It would split our church right down the middle.*" When Bible truth will split a church this is exactly what is needed.

The body of Christ is not in need of another enlargement campaign. It very desperately needs a thorough cleansing to flush away that which does not belong there. At Hegewisch we have an open door policy. It opens both ways; we did not invite you and if God did not send you to us, good-bye and blessings on you as you leave.

If God sends a dedicated man forth, he will have the capability to stick through thick and thin; if **He** does not guide your move then you are certain to be a miserable failure and a mere religious machine or robot.

"His watchmen are blind; they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark, sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber."

"Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough and they are shepherds that cannot understand; they all look to their own way, everyone for his gain from his quarter." (Isaiah 56:10, 11)

Fearful leaders have paralyzed the body of Christ, stagnating the work. Real leaders must speak up when something is wrong whether it is the popular thing to do or not. Paul did not say to get brother Hymenaeus and Alexander to have a conference, reconcile our differences and keep it quiet so it would not get out in the church.

Instead **Paul** wrote a letter to be read to the entire church. He announced that *he had delivered those two wicked men over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh*. Their sin and dissention was public, therefore exposure must be public.

John wrote in one of his epistles, that Diotrophes loved being preeminent and tried to put others out. The apostle declared he would put him in order when he came. He did not sound gentle and was not in favor of coddling such a trouble maker. We are not called on to be door mats for demonically driven people!

"All ye beasts of the field come to devour, yea and all ye beasts in the forests, his watchmen are blind." (Isaiah 56:9-12).

Preachers are supposed to be the watchmen on the wall to sound alarm in case of danger, but His watchmen are blind. Therefore it is simple for all the beasts (*demons*) in the fields to come in and devour God's heritage. Blind and ignorant watchmen neither know nor believe what the Lord commands. Plainly the commission includes deliverance from evil spirits. (**Mark 16:17**) God's frequency is broadcasting *"Emergency! Emergency! Deliver the people! Deliver the captives now!"* He is not saying to build cathedrals, cities, nor to have great crusades. He is concerned about people bound in heathen darkness who will never be free except through deliverance.

His watchmen are blind because they refuse to see, refuse to look and are willingly ignorant. There is no excuse for ignorance when the

scriptures are so very plain. It is not that difficult to understand the message of deliverance.

Unfaithful watchmen are all branded as dumb dogs that cannot bark, sleeping, lying down and loving to slumber. Where will I go on vacation? Where can I float my boat? When can I go fishing? When do I speak at the Lions Club? When will I go to the Rotarians? These men masquerading as God's spokesmen are merely watch dogs who will not bark a warning! Non-barking watchdogs are worthless. Blind dogs will not see the enemy coming and ignorant ones will not recognize foe.

Sadly, this is the status in many churches riding the charismatic merry-go-round. Everybody who comes to town, must be invited to minister in order to have a "*balanced ministry*." So the dancing girls with the tambourines, the rock bands, the jazzy quartets, karate kids, etc., all come in to entertain. Now *Brother Fund Raiser* speak and manipulate crowd; next *Brother Jump-the-Bench-and-Shout* will lead the worship and praise service; finally, *Brother Deeper Truth* will dump his garbage on us, etc., etc.

Deep truth becomes simple and easily grasped by God's people when the Holy Spirit presents it through a teacher **He** has gifted. This so-called "*deeper truth*" that you cannot understand is of no value. Be glad you cannot grasp it and put the lid on your garbage can lest he fill it full. The Bible admonishes us not to get away from the *simplicity* that is in the gospel of Christ.

Whatever happened to simple things like the plain truth, and certainly not the Herbert Armstrong error! The deliverance message is so simple and straight forward it is incredible that it should have been overlooked for so long. How could one third of Jesus' ministry have been skipped over for these many years.

It has advanced in spite of everything, but think what it will be when we teach a truly balanced ministry. **There can be no real balance without deliverance.** So long as, leaders avoid and run from it, fearful of the brethren, there can be no actual balance.

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Shepherds Who Are Leading Us Astray

Jeremiah pronounced judgment on Babylon and the Chaldean Empire (**Jeremiah 50**). They had come against God's people and their empire was eventually destroyed as a result of these prophecies. The book of Revelation speaks of a Babylon which shall resurrect herself.

She will emerge equipped with all of the occult power and wickedness of her ancient namesake. This evil entity will play a prominent part in the end time scenario. We are at least in the beginnings of the end times. No doubt there is an ever increasing acceleration into the very heart of the fulfillment of end time prophecies.

Pronouncements concerning Babylon are especially encouraging for they remain prophetic of what God will do again to the revived Babylon. The horrible religious and political system of that day was smitten by God and He will certainly do it again.

In our day and age we can clearly see the formation of a religious Babylon, busily establishing close ties with economic and political entities. God is still against the Babylonian system whenever and wherever it raises its ugly head and moves to take control.

This passage speaks of a real empire destroyed by the hand of God according to His Word. A richer and fuller meaning is here for us today because this resurgent and very powerful Babylon is coming into prominence in the world system.

The word of the Lord spoken against Babylon and the land of the Chaldeans was:

"Declare ye among the nations and publish and set up a standard; publish, and conceal not; say, Babylon is taken, Bel is confounded, Merodach is broken in pieces; her idols are confounded, her images are broken in pieces." (**Jeremiah 50:2**)

This is referring to demon worship and the evil powers which energized this tremendously wealthy and oppressive society. In spite of the tremendous prosperity and power inherent in the world system, God has already pronounced its doom.

Bel and **Merodach**, her chief deities, are to be destroyed and broken into pieces.

"For out of the north there cometh up a nation against her, which shall make her desolate, and none shall dwell in it; they shall remove themselves, they shall depart, both man and beast." (Jeremiah 50:3)

The ancient site of Babylon remains vacant today. In her resurrection she will sit upon seven hills. The awesome monstrosity will be a combined religious, economic and political system. The demonic power driving the whole enterprise will be black witchcraft, as was ancient Babylon.

Ancient Babylon was destroyed so completely that even today nomads living nearby will not camp overnight on the actual site of the city. It is so demon ridden they say it is haunted and they fear the place.

"In those days and in that time, saith the Lord, the children of Israel shall come ... going and weeping ... to seek the Lord their God." (Jeremiah 50:4)

In the day of Babylon's ascent to her utmost power, those who belong to God (*Israel-those who rule as God*) will come weeping because of the desolation, oppression and wickedness and seek God's intervention. They shall ask to join themselves to the Lord in a perpetual covenant to commit their lives completely to bringing it to pass.

"My people have been lost sheep; their shepherds have caused them to go astray and they have turned them away on the mountains, they have gone from the mountain to the hill, they have forgotten their resting place." (Jeremiah 50:6)

What a sad day when those appointed to watch out the flock have instead caused them to go astray. The sheep have been skinned, bilked, robbed, ravaged and raped. Instead of leading and guiding, they have mercilessly driven them. Rather than bringing rest and peace they have filled the sheep with fear and insecurity.

Shepherds are supposed to supply strength, help and leadership for the sheep. Sadly, the false shepherds have scattered the sheep. They assure their charges that they need no deliverance for they *cannot* have demons. Problems are said to be only psychological and can be solved with a pill and/or a visit to the psychiatrist at \$75.00 an hour.

These heartless men have led the sheep where there is no grazing or water. They declare that there are no miracles today; those were only for the early days when they did not have the New Testament. Such things were for ignorant people who needed the spectacular to get their attention.

However, good born again people and the preachers themselves have been saturated and stuffed with Professor Sawdust and Dr. Dry Shucks. The lush green pastures God prepared to nurture and grow His people are declared to be for another age. Certainly we are as hungry and needy as those in the first century.

Paul said he had thrown overboard all his educational attainments and social position to grasp the excellency of the knowledge of Christ (**Philippians 3:8**). Our Bible was not compiled for Bible schools or seminaries to dissect, analyze and explain away. It was written for ordinary people so their lives might be blessed and encouraged to believe what God has planned for His own.

Shepherds have led their charges astray for they themselves have been mistaught. Almost all of the older major colleges and universities in this land were Bible centered when they were established. Harvard, Princeton, Yale, the University of Chicago, etc., all are examples of this.

God's Bible believing people gave the money to build tremendous schools and seminaries which later were infiltrated and taken over by unbelieving parasites. This is typical of those who never build anything but can only hijack and destroy what somebody else has done. Almost anyone can be taught to drive a truck but it takes an engineer to design and manufacture a vehicle. We have very few religious engineers nowadays, mostly religious truck drivers.

Our problem is that those who are driving trucks wrongly assume they also know how to build one. This can be a drastic mistake. We must return to basics to understand what God does, how He builds and what He builds upon.

We have been brainwashed to believe that there must be numbers in order to have a great church. So preachers regularly play the numbers game. However, on several occasions Jesus deliberately dismissed the

crowds. Once He preached a sermon in which they thought he was advocating cannibalism (eat my flesh, drink my blood). The multitude fled and attendance dropped from thousands to twelve. Everywhere Jesus drove them away. ***There was division because of Him.***

Paul did the same thing. When he preached in the synagogue they turned him out. He preached on the streets and was flung in jail. We have absorbed the world's idea of what constitutes success or failure. If a church of forty is doing the works of Jesus and one with 2,000 members is only shouting about doing something and praying for something to happen, which one do you think is really pleasing God?

People have followed their shepherds and have been led astray. They promote enthusiastically building God's cities, churches, denominations, hospitals, schools, etc. Millions of dollars are poured out to do great things for God. Yet nowhere did Jesus or the apostles direct such operations. The Biblical emphasis is so often lost in the rush to raise and spend hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Preachers have been considered great who are not Ping more than high powered manipulators and religious fund raisers. In neither Old or New Testament is such a program outlined. I am convinced people have gone astray listening to voices telling them to do this and that, or go here and there. We must get back to the Word of God and learn to know the truth and go exactly by His program.

"These signs shall follow them that believe; in My name shall they cast out devils." (**Mark 16:17**)

Where are the signs? New Testament churches, programs, crusades, etc., will all have New Testament signs. These are: In My name they shall **evangelize, cast out demons, speak in tongues, lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.** (**Mark 16:17, 18**)·Doing the works of Jesus must produce some biblical signs; **not** talk, music, entertainment, or dancing. It also is **not** multi-million dollar fund raising campaigns to build structures and organizations to impress the world.

The Lord never said that we must build and compete with Disneyland but with a Christian emphasis. This sort of thing cost hundreds of

thousands of dollars which must be extracted from the gullible flock of sheep.

However some have heard the voice of The Shepherd urging that they are to stay close to Him. These know that His main thrust is to get people saved, to have them delivered, baptized in the Holy Spirit, and healed. The authority of the believer is not a toy to be exploited to gain things for oneself. It is a weapon given to break the demonic strongholds casting out demons and destroying their works.

Matthew 23 describes a cardinal sin of the Pharisees, They stood at the door, refusing to enter themselves and turned others away. Thank God for the hundreds of desperate ones who push past them to get help anyway.

God will surely deal with everyone who stands at the door of deliverance and, after refusing to enter, use their influence, power, magazines, television, radio and churches to attack and turn people from it.

Babylon must fall but this will not happen so long as the church apes her. For example, witness a church producing marvelous religious spectacles trying to compete with Hollywood. God never ordained such things and flocks fed this kind of religious garbage will easily return to the world. Fed on evangelism, deliverance and healing they will believe for miracles to destroy the works of the devil, in themselves and others. Babylon must be challenged and destroyed for God has ordained that her gods be utterly destroyed. This will not come about by having a TV spectacular of young people dancing and jumping around. A sensuous Salome can do the dance of seven veils and cater to carnality but all it will do is get the head of a Baptist preacher!

You can never destroy the works of the devil by going through his doorways. We must stick on the old paths, so old they are new. The fight is on for the freedom of the people of God. They need liberation from astronomical debts, both personal and in the churches.

It seems incredible that although the Bible plainly says, "*Owe no man anything*," (**Romans 13:8**), preachers have no qualms about plunging

churches deeply into incredible debts. No wonder members think it is alright for them to go on spending splurges also.

Credit should be used with extreme care. Work to get out of debt, live frugally and save. A financial crash is coming which will smash everyone who is overextended in credit. You are overloaded with debt if the slightest financial wave will sink you.

Frugality, hard work and avoiding debt are Biblical principles spelled out clearly in the Proverbs. This modern generation needs to change its whole philosophy and economic outlook. Foregoing many expensive frills once thought to be necessities is a step in the right direction. There is far more joy in serving the Lord Jesus than in material gain.

Shepherds have led people astray, turning them away on the mountain and from there to the hill, having forgotten their resting place. God's people need a place to come and rest. God's house ought to be such a place, not promoting passivity but providing a refreshing change of pace.

To be associated with believers and be away from the railing clatter of the world, the blaring of radios and TVs, the awful music, etc. What a blessing just to meditate on the Lord Jesus and what He purposes for us and what He has done and is doing. Because of this, when people come for ministry we insist they attend the service first. In the songs and testimonies, the message from God's Word, in simply gathering with God's people, there is help.

Many believers have never attended a church where the members were united. So often various cliques are vying for control. It is good to come where people minister together and where there are no robots; where they go to the Word of God, seeking to understand what God says and how He leads. Out of this kind of diversity comes an amazing unity. Is this not the way the early church functioned and flourished? The norm should be for a united people to gather, bound with love for each other and a singleness of purpose. Barren churches produce leanness in the souls of the people. They have little or no spiritual energy or vision. Where there is no vision, the people perish.

One thing that keeps the Hegewisch church going is the God given vision of loosing the bound ones. Never will He let us forget there are

multitudes who have not yet heard the message of deliverance for this is close to His heart. Books and tapes are going all over the country from here, causing tremendous upsets in the kingdom of darkness. Demons confess that this is creating a lot of trouble for them.

Certainly we are by no means the only force moving against Satan but he is desperately concerned about the real deliverance movement. This ministry can slow, even stop his program and reverse it; therefore he has moved to obliterate or at least adulterate and weaken its thrust.

"They have found a resting place. All that found them have devoured them." This is a sad fact for on every hand there is evidence that the sheep have indeed been devoured. Wicked, heartless wolves have made them promises, taken their money, prayed for them and told them they were well. But this was a lie.

However, God says, *"For lo I will raise and cause to come up against Babylon an assembly of great nations from the north country and they shall set themselves in array against her and from thence she shall be taken; their arrows shall be as a might expert man and none shall return back."* (**Jeremiah 50:9**)

The arrows will fly with such deadly accuracy that everyone will fell a soldier. This army God is raising up to march on spiritual Babylon will be given great authority. The arrows of authority given us will knock down and destroy the troops of the wicked one. This is the reason for unbelievable pressures and such unreal attacks that sometimes you wonder if you are going insane.

The enemy is very disturbed about what is happening. We can scarcely measure the immense damage and the hurt already inflicted on an angry and aroused enemy as we move deeper into the battle. We battle for the restoration of the fragmented soul, to loose people's minds, wills and emotions from demonic bondage. We can expect to see even greater reverses for the enemy and will throw the enemy back if we persist. Do not expect an easy battle for soldiers will be attacked, maligned and discredited if possible.

Where to Receive Deliverance

These tapes and books are a by-product of the deliverance ministry at the Hegewisch Baptist Church, 219-838-9410. The church is located at 8711 Cottage Grove Avenue, Highland, Indiana, 46322. Services are held on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and each Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. Prayer for healing and/or deliverance follows each service. The church body is made up of deliverance workers who are qualified and willing to pray for you. There are NO private counseling sessions. Those only casually interested or just curious will not receive help.

One of the best preparations you can make before coming for deliverance is to read carefully the books in the Hosts of Hell series written by Pastor Worley. This will save a great deal of explanation and time, for the methods and approaches used at the church are described in great detail in the books. Fasting one or more days, coupled with intense Bible study and prayer immediately preceding a deliverance session has also proved to be a valuable aid.

Because of the number of people coming in from around the world, it is necessary to stress that the church does not have the facilities or means to assist with travel or living expenses for those who need ministry.

Directions to the church: If you fly to O'Hare Airport in Chicago, you will be about 65 miles northwest of the church. Allow about 1 and 1/2 hours to get your baggage and arrive in the South suburbs. For current information and rate, call the Tri-State Coach Lines at 1-800-222-9901.

If you are driving, exit 1-80/94 at Cline Avenue South. Travel south on Cline to Highway Avenue (the 1st street on the right about six blocks down from 1-94). Turn right on Highway. The church is located one block past the second stop sign on the left hand side on the corner of Highway and Cottage Grove Avenue.

Motels within five minutes of the church are the Motel 6 (219) 845-0330, Super 8 (219)-844-8888 and AmeriHost (219) 845-4678

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