

Are You With, Or Against God?

“Without me they shall bow down under the prisoners, and they shall fall under the slain. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still”, Isaiah 10:4.

About 700 years before the Birth of Jesus God was crying out through His Prophets for the people to repent.

Some two thousand years after the Birth of Jesus, God continues to cry out to His People: to repent.

God’s sincere and dedicated people are following their Lord’s command, “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world”, Matthew 28:19–20.

That, my friend is the easy part! The Holy Spirit has the hardest part, getting the message past the spiritual wax, for many today are spiritually deaf.

I am currently dealing with two particular families at the present time.

Both husbands accepted the Lord’s hand in the past. Both husbands have been blessed in the past.

These two men, and they are not the only ones I have spoken to in this manner, were given the words ‘The lady you are planning to take as a wife, is not the person God has for you’.

Both are have marital problems. Both wives are expecting total obedience from their respective husbands, which is contrary to the established marriage as ordained of God.

Neither wife can accept the fact that God created man in HIS Image. Neither wife can accept the fact that God created woman with a bone from the man’s side, thereby placing her to be beside her husband, not his mentor.

Pride is the biggest factor in the lives of these two married couples. In England we have a saying, ‘Pride goes before a fall’.

In our opening Scripture, we read, “...but his hand is stretched out still”. It is a simple exercise of reaching out for God’s Hand, and for those who are

prepared to place their hand into God's Hand, the majority of problems are short lived!

Unfortunately, ministers are not immune from this particular problem.

Two great men of God, John Wesley and George Whitefield, who both studied at Oxford as Methodist ministers, were great men of God, until they became involved with the Arminian or Calvinist debate.

The Calvinists taught and preached that we become redeemed sinners because God chose us.

The Arminians taught and preached that we become redeemed sinners because we chose God.

As with the majority of human groups, it did not take long for animosity to build between their followers.

Once one of Whitefield's followers said to him, "Will we see John Wesley in the heaven?"

To which Whitefield humbly replied "Yes, you're right, we won't see him in heaven. He will be so close to the Throne of God and we will be so far away, that we won't be able to see him. !" .

What a lovely attitude Whitefield had. He had rid himself of pride. His humility was real

To close, I ask you to consider the following Words of Jesus, "For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted", Luke 14:11

The married couples I mentioned at the start, BOTH need to reach out for God's Hand, BOTH need to collect a large dose of humility.

In medical parlance, "Take one dose immediately, and then a dose three times daily until the medication is finished".