

The Messenger

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The Man Who Never Slept!

In Trenton, New Jersey, there lived a man who contradicted all the laws of nature regarding sleep. The New York Times reported on February 28, 1904 that "Albert Herpin, born in France in 1862 and for fifteen years a hostler in the employ of Freeholder Walter Phares of this city, declares that he has not slept a wink during the past ten years. Notwithstanding this, he is in perfect health, and does not seem to suffer any discomfort from his remarkable condition".

In the 1940's, scores of doctors marched to the door of Al Herpin's shanty to investigate, determined to expose the fraud and thus strengthen their own medical theories.

Inside the humble dwelling doctors found a rocking chair—but no bed, cot or hammock! There was nothing on which a man might lie down! For weeks upon weeks, medics stayed with Herpin in relays, waiting for him to sneak a few winks—he never did! His way of resting was to sit in his rocker and read seven newspapers, for hours, until he felt refreshed. Herpin claimed that the cause for his lifelong insomnia was due to an injury his mother received just a few days prior to his birth.

Finally the day came — on January 3rd, 1947, the sleepless man went into eternity, at the age of 84. Folks in the area remarked upon Herpin's death that he now finally

found sleep. But did he?

While the Bible often describes death as sleep it is always in relation to the body. The reason is, that in ordinary life, when one falls asleep at night, he wakes up in the morning. So in the spiritual sense, when the body lies down in death, there will be a day when it shall rise out of its state of "sleep." This coming event is called "the resurrection."

Speaking unto Felix the apostle Paul said "there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust." (Acts 24:15). As the old-timers used to put it, "There is going to be a great getting up morning." One day the graves will open. Those who are saved will come forth "unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation" (John 5:29). Those who have never received God's salvation through faith alone in Christ will be cast into the lake of fire. However, those who have repented of their sin and trusted Christ as their Saviour will enter heaven where there is no more night or sleep. It is a place of infinite bliss.

Where will you spend eternity?

This question comes to you and me!

Tell me, what shall your answer be?

Where will you spend eternity?

The choice is yours. Now is the time to decide, for after death it will be too late.

**"There shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.
Acts 24:15**



PROFIT OR LOSS

MARK 8:35- 37

For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

In these words the Lord warned his hearers that if they took up their cross and followed him they would suffer many things. However, while they might lose their lives they would never lose their souls. By these words he was drawing a distinction between the existence of the body and the soul. As well as a body we have hidden beneath the rough exterior mould of clay a real living and substantial soul. We rightly take great care of our bodies but what thought have you given to your soul? Notice:-

1. The Preciousness Of The Soul: Seeking to set a value upon it the Lord said **v36 "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"** He reminded them the soul was more valuable than all this world's gold and silver. Esau in his youth sold his soul for a bowl of soup. While it seemed a good bargain at the time yet years later we find him weeping. The tears flowing down his cheeks he realised his soul was more valuable than even life itself.

Your most precious possession is not your car or your home but your soul. It is more valuable than all the treasures of this world. On 9th September 1857, the "Central America" was caught in a category two hurricane off the coast of the Carolinas. She was carrying between 13 and 15 tons of gold. The 105 mph winds shredding her sails she beginning to sink no thought was given to her cargo of gold. Instead the cry was "life, life". In the face of death they realised their souls were more precious than gold. Your most precious possession is your soul. Don't sell it for a friendship or some sinful pleasure.

2. The Peril Of The Soul: Knowing its value the Lord said **v36 "For what shall it profit a man, if**

he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" The word "lose" literally means to mar or to destroy. In fact, it is elsewhere translated in the New Testament 33 times as "perish". Emphasising this Luke in his gospel added the words "cast away".

Though precious your soul is not beyond peril. It can be lost. In Luke's gospel we find the rich man lifting up his eyes in the torments of hell. A fire on one occasion sweeping through a house the woman was so busy in removing her jewelry and furniture she forgot her baby. Finally remembering and trying to rescue her, the flames were too hot. Being driven back she cried, "I have saved my goods but I have lost my child". It is possible to gain the whole world but lose your own soul.

3. The Plight Of The Soul: **v37 "What shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"**. Being lost he warned them it then could not be exchanged or redeemed.

Beyond the grave the soul is beyond salvation. There is no more hope. Solomon said in Proverbs 29:1, "He, that being often (Cont. next pg.)

HARVEST WEEKEND

Sunday 5th October

11:30am. - Dr. S. Barnes

7:00pm. - Rev. P. Thompson

Singers: Geoffrey, Lisa & Kirsten

6th October - 8:00pm.

Harvest Supper

Speaker - Rev. P. McIntyre

Singers: Mrs. Amanda Reid & Heirs Together



Special Testimony Meetings

NOVEMBER

Sunday 2nd November: 7:00pm. - Deliverance from Drugs
Gadarene Manor Men's Home in Tallaght Dublin works with drug addicts from all over Ireland. Come hear amazing testimonies of those who have been delivered from heroin, cocaine, alcohol and other drugs.

Sunday 9th November: 7:00pm. - Mr. Alfie Stewart

Alfie is widely recognised in the local game of football as one of the greatest defenders of his generation. He spent successful spells with Glentoran and Portadown F.C. in which he won 4 League Championship medals and 5 Irish cup medals. Through Christ he overcame alcohol.



Sunday 16th November: 7:00pm. - Modern Day Prodigal

Mr. Matt Crawford was born and brought up in Co. Fermanagh. At a young age he packed his bags and went to England where he lost everything. Eventually returning home he found the Saviour who transformed his life.

Sunday 23rd November: 7:00pm. - From Gang leader To The Pulpit

Rev. Robert Ormerod is presently the minister of Cloughmills Free Presbyterian Church. Growing up in Belfast he became involved in gang culture and eventually became the leader of the gang. Come hear how God transformed his life.

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reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy". Being destroyed he warned them there was no remedy or escape. A man just married a few weeks coming home one night found his new bride crying. Asking what was wrong she said, "I baked you some biscuits, and while I was out of the kitchen, the dog got up on the table and ate the biscuits." He said, "Sweetheart, don't worry. We can get another dog." If you were to lose your car, you can always buy another. If you were to lose your house, you could build another. But if you lose your soul, it will be lost forever.

Paul said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31). If only you take the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour he will save your soul for time and eternity. In fact the Lord promises in John 6:37 "him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out". He will save you.

Evening Of Praise



with the

"For The Gospel Quartet"

&

Pastor Eugene Groza

From

Romania

Tuesday 25th November at 8:00pm.

Quiz Answers - 1. God
2. Noah 3. Animals 4. Escape
5. Flood 6. Ark 7. Rainbow



Kiddies' Corner

Big Ears

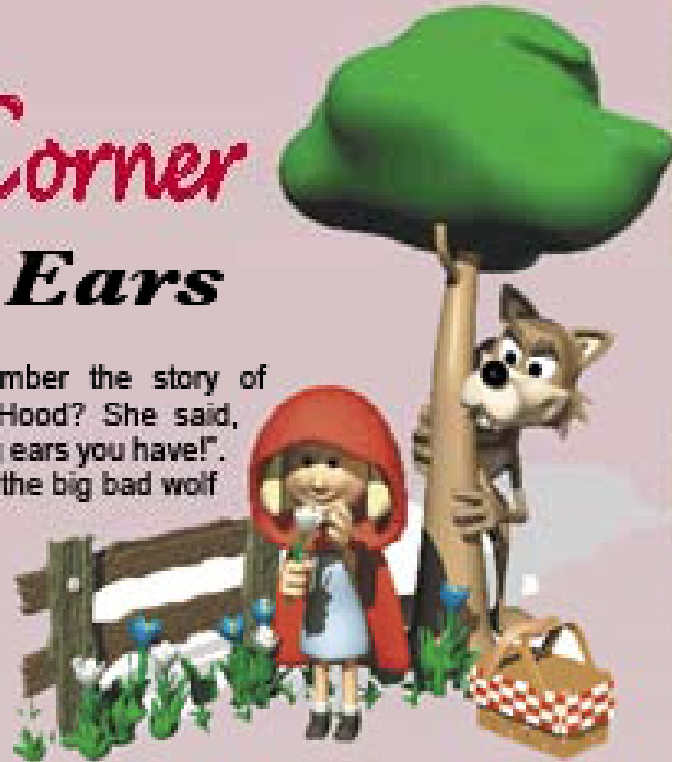
Do you remember the story of Little Red Riding Hood? She said, "Grandma, what big ears you have!".

"All the better to hear you with, my dear," said the big bad wolf who was playing grandma.

There is an animal of the desert with big ears. In fact he is almost all ears. He is the desert fox, and his enormous ears allow him to hear the slightest noise. At the sound of anything threatening he digs furiously into the ground to hide.

God says in the Bible, "He that has ears, let him hear." God not only wants us to hear the sound of His words with our ears but he wants us to hear with our minds, our hearts, our hands and with our feet! How do we do that? Hearing or reading God's Word we must believe it and then obey it. In James 1:22 we are told to be doers of God's Word and not hearers only. God's Word should change our lives.

The Bible tells us in Romans 10:13., 'For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved'. Do you have ears? Then hear and obey and call upon the Lord to save you.



Bible Quiz

Unscramble each word to finish the sentences below. (Answers page 3)

1. **dGo** ___ told Noah how to build the Ark.
2. **hNao** God provided all that ___ needed, including great wisdom.
3. **slmaina** God brought all the _____ right to the Ark at just the right time.
4. **eespca** God provided a safe way for man and animals to _____ His judgement.
5. **dolof** God made the _____ cover the entire earth.
6. **kra** God directed Noah when to leave the _____.
7. **broanwi** God provided a _____ as a sign that He'd never send another flood.



Noah's Ark



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Lord's Day Services 11.30a.m. & 7.00p.m.
Sabbath School - 10.15a.m.
Mustard Seed Meeting (children 4-11) - Tuesday 7.00p.m.
Prayer Meeting - Tuesday 8.00p.m.
Youth Fellowship - Friday 8.00p.m.
Minister - REV. T. A. MURRAY