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As I See It. . . . By Brian Gregory

In Numbers the 16th chapter, Moses and Aaron (the leaders of Israel selected by God) have their leadership publically challenged. The challengers are led by a man named Korah. The Bible says Korah and 250 leaders of the congregation stood against Moses and Aaron challenging their leadership (vs. 2-3). Later Moses sets forth a test to determine whom God has truly chosen (vs.5-7) in which God later proved it was Moses and Aaron while Korah and his people all died as the ground opened up under them. As you back up to verse 4, we see Moses' immediate response to the very public challenges and criticisms against his leadership. The Bible says, "When Moses heard this, he fell on his face". . . . Now, he did not trip and land on his face accidentally. Instead, it was purposefully, as an act of worship and reverence before God. Moses did not get all defensive and fire back at his critics instead he first turned to God. We don't know what he said or did exactly but judging from other times in his life (i.e., Num. 14) he very likely started praying for these people and for himself.

How many times do we hear negative comments, even down right mean and unjustified ones about ourselves (or those we love) and start praying for the ones who said it instead of defending ourselves? What would happen to us and for us (and others by extension) if every time we heard something bad about us (true or not) and/or even about others, we fell on our faces before the Lord and started praying for the ones who said it and the ones it was said about? Jesus said, we are to love our enemies (not fight with or rail against) and pray for (not plot our revenge) those who persecute us (Mt. 5:44). Are you falling on your face or screaming back at the face of someone else?

Brian

Why Do They Not Believe?...Joe Macer

II Corinthians 4:4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Many reasons or excuses are given as to why an individual refuses at the moment to obey the gospel. In Scriptures, it is interesting to see so many people hear the gospel and immediately respond to the message. The Ethiopian eunuch is such an example. Others took some time, consideration and reasoning and then made the decision. Still others, immediately or after consideration, rejected the message. This verse states why unbelievers are unbelievers. This truth is one that most will not accept and yet it remains the truth. The reason people will not believe is due to the work of the god of this age. Who is the god of this age? It is none other than Satan. Satan is working to close minds. Many will not give the gospel a chance. Those that find a curiosity in the message he will destroy their desires. His goal is to keep people in darkness.

Nowhere is this process better explained than in the parable of the sower. Seed that fell on the path was not allowed to germinate. The explanation is that the evil one - Satan - takes the word away. Seed that fell on the rocky soil quickly germinates but just as quickly dies out. Why? Because trouble or persecution comes and they lose their start. The seed that fell on the thorny ground also germinates and then is choked out. The seed is rooted out by worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth. Three of the four locations do not grow to maturity and produce a crop. These three are the workings of Satan. Let's always continue to give people the opportunity to hear the gospel. An open heart will accept the gospel and overcome the evil work of Satan.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

SOUTH GATE MEMBERS

- Mike Andrews
- Charlotte Attkisson-NHC Hillview Rm. 221
- Benny Bolton - recovering from heart surgery
- Ann Brady
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Rebecca Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Ruth Childress - home (appreciates calls & visits)
- Mary Chumbley
- John & Sarah Churchwell - home
- Athaleen Cox
- Ila Goodman - NHC Columbia, Rm. 123-B (needs visits)
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Linda Luna
- Frances Petty - Sterling House, Rm. 403
- Barney Roland - NHC Hillview, Rm. 101
- Albert & Ethel Spears
- Virginia Staggs-Poplar Estates 101
- Dennis Thomason - recovering from surgery
- Elaine Whitehead
- Jim Wilson
- Martha Wilson - NHC Columbia, RM. 132

FRIENDS AND FAMILY:

Jim Thomas, father of John - recovering from surgery, Aaron Way, 12 yr. old great nephew of Barry Brown - undergoing chemo for brain tumor, Lou Miller - Poplar Estates, Rm. 205, Clara Totty - Poplar Estates, Rm. 102, Jackie McPeak - liver cancer, Travis Jett - VA Hospital ICU, Rick Luna, Tristen Kelley, Sherry Pritchett - mother of Jody, Willie Farless - brother-in-law/Reba Jones, Teresa Warf Walkup - cancer, Shirley Woods - mother/Diane Upchurch, Jennie Evans, sister/Karen Mann, Mark Shaw, Bobby Wales, Patricia Luffman, Dorothy Rea, sister/Elmer Lusk, Earline Hensley - sister/JoAnn Coleman, Evelyn Felker, sister/Benny Bolton, Little Gatlin Macer, Jennifer Fetters (friend/Lasater's), Sharon Riley, Doris McKennon - sister/Edna Hardison, JoAnn Anderson, Paula Baker - sister/Kaye Beard, Alice Lovett - aunt/Cheyenne McNeese, Ann Graham - Morning Point, Rm. 113, Jenny Miller, Beverly Dawson, Jack & Daisy White, Paul Jackson - father/Rhonda Farris, Alfred & Irma Pagel, Joan VanHooser, Billy Dan & Betty Morrow, Faye Kelley - Jason Kelley's aunt, Erin Morris family, Bella Huey

Working For The Master

Working For The Master met on Sunday evening with 60 in attendance, 75 cards written and 15 bags of cookies prepared for sick and shut-ins. We will meet again on August 24.

WORSHIP LEADERS AUGUST 3, 2014

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Randy Jones
 Song Leader.....Jerry Wilson
 Prayer.....John Thomas
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Blair Keeling
 Serving:
 Kevin Mick Mike Lyle
 Barry Cross Jonathan Macer
 Jason Kelley John Massey
 Duane Allen Blake Daniels
 ReadTommy Hight
 Sermon:Brian Gregory
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Randy Jones

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Greg Lusk
 Prayer.....Alex Jones
 Read: Psalm 82.....Corey Massey
 Sermon: "Help The Weak".....Joe Macer
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Gary Boyd
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Tyler Brown

We commend Ryan Massey who restored his life to Christ last week.

Ushers: Jesse Gilliam, Tim Raines, Charles Bassham
 Greeters: Gary & Tonya Boyd, Barrow & Carla Brown
 Audio/Visual: Alex Jones

Security Team: A.M. Jerry Williams, Jesse Gilliam P.M. Corey Massey, Greg Lusk

If you are unable to keep your appointment to serve, please call Ray Rummage (446-0668) or Joe Williams (388-9183)
 Or go to our website and follow the "Unable to Serve" link and submit the information.

NURSERY CARE

A.M.....Elizaeth Hargrove, Angie Massey
 P.M.....Marisa Massey, Brecca Snyder

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2014

Song LeaderSam Quirk
 Prayer.....Tommy Hight
 Announcements/Speaker.....Jody Pritchett