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Gospel Meeting Begins Next Week!

Bob Owen, of Tampa, Florida, will be arriving here on Saturday night and, on Sunday, will begin preaching a series of lessons from Hebrews 2:1-4. On Sunday evening, he is planning to discuss the work in Ethiopia, having made several trips there in the past few years.

Brother Owen is an experienced preacher who also served many years as the president of Florida College. He is a gifted communicator and a great Bible student and we will all benefit greatly by what he has prepared for us.

“Gospel Meetings” can be great occasions, as the church gathers daily to meet and learn and encourage one another. Such meetings were common when I was a child and I have great memories associated with them. The singing, the prayers, the fellowship of like-minded people, out of the world for a little while—what a great experience for a Christian family. Please plan to be here each time.

Zimbabwe & the Philippines

Zimbabwe and the Philippines, as you know, are extremely poor. There is a difference in the two countries, however. The Philippines has been in the same situation for as long as most of us can remember. Apparently, the average monthly income there has been steady for some years. A teacher, for example, might make \$120 per month, but he or she is able to purchase necessities with that amount. The standard of living is very low, but so is the cost of living.

In Zimbabwe, due to the political situation, salaries have been shot-gunned by unreal inflation — sometimes as high as 12,000%. You may get a dollar, but it takes two to buy anything. It wasn't like that before; it was a fairly modern country, with a normal economy. The suffering there now is intense, not seasonal, but constant.

In both countries (and others), there are people who suffer and both need our help. Through various means, we are helping both, by sending food and medicine to Zimbabwe and clothing and medicine to the Philippines. Please continue your generosity to our brethren in both countries.

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Rants and Raves

Something occurred to me this week, and pardon me for ranting, if that's what this is. But I'm getting sick and tired of some things...

First, I can no longer stomach the "mainstream media," including network news and most of the print press. It's not just their politics — everyone has a right to his or her or its opinion. It's that they have decided certain things are true and report these things *as true* then label those who disagree with them as low-IQ, uneducated imbeciles. And a lot of people have bought into it, the same people who claim to be the most "enlightened."

For instance, global warming has not been proved, and it is even less certain that, if true, it is caused by mankind. However the mainstream media has decided it is *true*. I'm not so sure they have not manufactured the issue, but even if they haven't, they have certainly celebrated those who have much to gain if it is true. And while they claim to be "for the little guy," look at their company — people who are making

enormous sums of money on the whole global warming "crisis." They claim to be the "thinkers," yet they swallowed whatever these pushers have fed them. They've bought it, hook, line... you know. How ironic! Yet, you're just not very "cool" if you don't believe in "climate change" — have they stopped to ask, "who says so?"

Perhaps we should take another look at Luke 16:15, "what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God." Exactly what is exalted among men today? "Diversity"? Yes. Universal tolerance (except for conservative religion). Of course. Evolution? Yes!

But is marriage exalted? Not anymore, not "among men." Is true, biblical religion exalted? Are you kidding me? Is the Bible revered "among men"? Ha!

Jesus said the blind will lead the blind and both will fall into the ditch (Mt. 15:14). The blind are reading newspapers, websites and magazines written by the blind; the blind are watching cable stations, TV networks and movies produced by the blind. The blind are being schooled by the blind. Even in the

kingdom of the blind, the one-eyed man is king; that would be the media!

You can identify a spiritually blind easily because they simply parrot the proclamations and pronouncements of their blind leaders. They'll sound very "enlightened" — or try very hard to sound "smart," at least. But stop and ask around: what is the source of this "enlightenment." The press? The university? The media?

Don't be fooled. Jesus said that they'll lay some heavy burdens on you, but won't lift one of their own fingers to help. They'll do some deeds to be seen of men, but they are whitened tombs, full of dead men's bones.

Don't listen to the blind; don't be impressed with their celebrity; don't fall for their dicta. Remember that Jesus said, "You will recognize them by their fruits..." What is the fruit? Are we really getting better as a nation? Are we more holy, more pure-hearted, more righteous as a people?

Think about it.

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Bible Preaching

March 29th to April 3rd 2009

Bob Owen

Tampa, Florida

Brother Owen will be presenting an excellent series of lessons from Hebrews 2:1-4. He will help us focus on being steadfast in our faith, covering topics such as the danger of falling away, how God punishes sin and the great salvation we enjoy in Christ. Brother Owen is a gifted speaker with years of experience to share. Make plans to be here for each meeting.

Sunday 9:30 AM and 5 PM
Monday through Friday at 7:30 PM

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