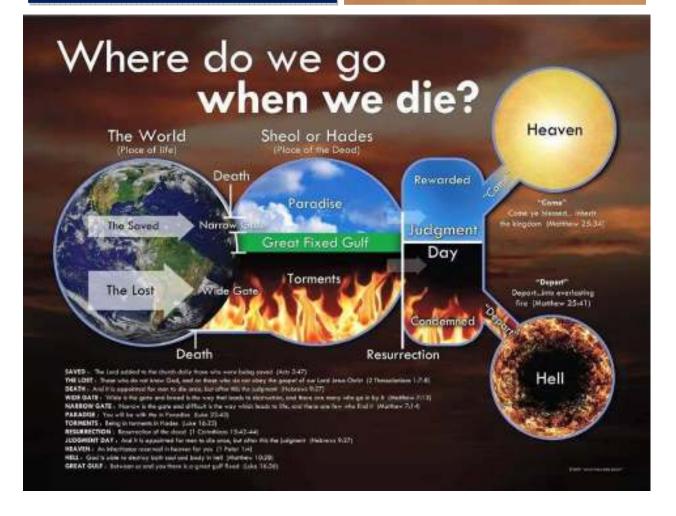
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Welcome
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Visitors!

The Silence of the Scriptures

Bill Jackson

Surely one of the most effective, and most Scriptural, arguments the saints have made down through the years is that of the authority of the silence of the Scriptures. In hundreds of debates with proponents of every kind of error, audiences were shown that when God legislates in a certain area, making clear His requirements, then man has no authority to go beyond that, adding similar or like things to what God has specified. We have correctly used the gopher wood, the pitch, the dimensions of the ark in the case of Noah (Gen. 6), and we have used the fruit of the vine and the bread on the Lord's table (Mat. 26:26-28) on the same point. Of late, men are stating that there can be no argument based on "the silence of the Scriptures." As one recently put it, "Man is free to do any and everything that God has not specifically forbidden." One other man, in the kingdom, said that "any matter falling within the silence of the scriptures should be treated as options, based on the rule of Romans 14." In correspondence with one in another state, and when the matter of dancing in worship was brought up, and our having no specific condemnation in

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the New Testament of such, his answer was that if the congregation's elders gave approval, and if they then could see some benefit to be gained, it would be proper! Thus, the end to which one will be taken if he feels there can be no legitimate argument based on the silence of the Scriptures! We know the argument we now are supporting is a legitimate one, for we find it used in the Word! In Hebrews 7, as the writer speaks of the priesthood of Christ under the New Testament, he states that there has been a change of the law, thus necessitating a change in the priesthood (7:12). He speaks of our Lord coming from the tribe of Judah (7:14), and in making then the point that the Lord could not be a priest if the law of Moses were still in effect, the writer states, "of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood." Thus, the argument is made that Jesus could not be a priest under the Old Testament law, because the Scriptures said nothing about one of Judah being a priest! Let us, as we continue to stress Biblical authority, and the right handling of the Word (2 Tim. 2:15), also continually stress the silence of the Scriptures!

ARE YOU HEAVEN BOUND?

By David J. Riggs

It matters not what else you do in life, if you miss heaven you have been a complete failure. You might gather about you great riches and fame and leave thousands of friends to mourn your departing, but if you are not ready for heaven you have been a miserable failure. On the other hand, you may die in a charity home for the poor and be buried in a potter's field without a single friend to mourn, but if you receive heaven, your life has been a marvelous success.

You can't afford to miss heaven for if you miss it, you miss all. It is the place of eternal rest (Heb. 4:9-11) where pain, sickness, and death will not be known (Rev. 21:4). It is an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that does not fade away (1 Pet. 1:4). It is that city built by the living God (Heb. 11:10).

You don't have to miss heaven. Humbly submit yourself to the will of God (Matt. 7:21). Let His Word guide you (2 Tim. 3:15) and let no one beguile you or your reward (Col. 2:18). Overcome temptations (James 1:12) and suffer for His cause with rejoicing (Matt. 5:11-12). If you do these things, heaven will be yours someday for the God of heaven who cannot lie has promised it.

I quote a few words from some of our songs: "I am going to a city where the streets with gold are laid, where the tree of life is blooming, and the roses never fade. Here they bloom but for a season, soon their beauty is decayed; I am going to a city where the roses never fade." "I am bound for the promised land, promised land, I am bound for the promised land; O who will come and go with me? I am bound for the promised land." "When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun; we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun."

QUICK BIBLE STUDY

Isaiah 62:2

[2].....: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name.

Acts 11:26

[26].....And the disciples were called ?? first in Antioch.

- A) Baptist
- B) Catholic
- C) Pentacostal D) Methodist
- E) Lutheran
- F) Presbyterian
- G) Christian

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NOTE: Preach-N-Eat for April has been canceled, we will resume May 2
- Mar 14 6:00 pm Worship and Song Service
- Mar 28 Prayer Service after Evening Worship
- Apr 4 Men's Business Meeting & Ladies' Bible Class
- > Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell