

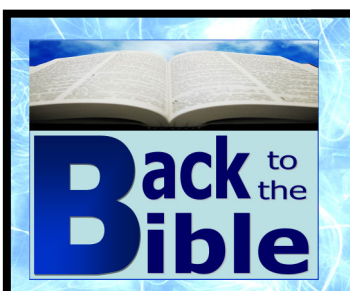
Today's Sermons
 Morning: What Can I Do If I Am Lost Eternally?
 Evening: Prayer Service

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"...narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Matt. 7:14



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Sunday
 Bible Study:... 10:00am
 AM Worship:...11:00am
 PM Worship:...6:00pm
 2nd Sunday:.....1:30pm

Wednesday
 Bible Study:.....7:00pm

Radio Program
 Sunday:.....7:30am
 "Back to the Bible"
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**We Extend A
 Warm & Cordial
 Welcome
 To All Our
 Visitors!**

LET THERE BE NO STRIFE
 Winfred Clark, deceased

Some words are inviting. Take the word "home." Such brings to mind the security and comfort one feels when he or she is enclosed therein, but not all words are like this. The word "strife" has angry tones and sounds associated thereto. This is the word used by Abraham in Genesis 13:8. Strife had arisen between his herdsmen and those of Lot. To Abraham, such became a matter of concern and needed to be corrected. We would do well to see how he approached the matter.

I. HE SAW THE PROBLEM. Abraham didn't try to act as if such did not exist. Turning his head would not make it go away. The strife was there (Genesis 13:7). All the hoping it wasn't present would not mean it wasn't a fact. This Abraham saw, and he wanted Lot to see the same.

He saw the **seriousness** of the problem. The herdsmen may not see it as such for they would not look at it as did Abraham. This good man knew this could very well spread. Solomon said, "*The beginning of strife is as when one letteth out water*" (Proverbs 17:14). Anybody that has seen the erosion that can take place by a trickle of

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water knows the dangers to a dam or dike if something is not done to stop it. It will not take long for such to cut a path large enough to empty the lake. So it is with strife in the beginning. Such will soon spread from individuals to families and whole churches.

The Hebrew writer speaks of such a danger when he speaks of a root of bitterness that begins to grow and by such most become defiled (Hebrews 12:15). Such needs, therefore, to be seen as a serious matter.

Abraham also saw the **source** of the strife. In this case, one of the sources was the accumulation of cattle and herds. The land was not able to provide adequate pasture in one place.

Its source can be hatred (Proverbs 10:12); or pride (Proverbs 28:25); or carnality (1 Corinthians 3:3); or envy (James 3:13-16). So Abraham was able to see the seriousness and source of the problem.

II. HE SOUNDED HIS PLEA. Here is a good man who would have his voice heard on the side of peace. He made an appeal for a cessation of strife and all of its attendant evils. This is equal to Paul's plea of Philippians 2:3: "*Let nothing be done through strife . . .*"

His plea was a **responsible plea**. Abraham assumed personal responsibility for what his herdsmen did and said, and he would have Lot do the same. He did not take the hands-off attitude that says, "I am not responsible."

His plea was also set in **reasonable** terms. He would have Lot see who they were. "*We be brethren,*" he said. So that is all the more reason that no strife be allowed to arise between them.

III. HE SET FORTH A PLAN. Abraham saw a way to avoid strife if others wanted to do so. There was a way if men were willing. His plan was **selfless** in nature. You can see Abraham was not looking out for himself first when he said, "The whole land is before us, you go one way and I'll go the other." He would not take first choice, though he had the right to do so. In this, he walks in the spirit of "*Love seeketh not her own*" (1 Corinthians 13:5). Abraham wasn't thinking of self, but rather of a solution for the strife.

His plan was **suitable**. It was workable and evidently did just that. You don't find that word "strife" again concerning those herdsmen. His attitude is good to have around.

HEARD > BELIEVED > REPENTED > CONFESSED > BAPTIZED & GODWARD

What is Baptism?

A REENACTMENT OF DEATH, BURIAL & RESURRECTION

		Sprinkling	Pouring	Immersion
1. Element - Water	Acts 8:36	No	No	Yes
2. Much water	John 3:23	No	No	Yes
3. Going to water	John 8:36	No	No	Yes
4. Going into water	Acts 8:38	No	No	Yes
5. Burial	Romans 6:4	No	No	Yes
6. Resurrection	Colossians 2:12	No	No	Yes
7. Washing of body	Hebrews 10:22	No	No	Yes
8. Coming up out of the water	Mark 1:10	No	No	Yes

What Is Its Purpose?

- "To fulfill all righteousness" Matthew 3:15
- "Shall be saved" Mark 16:16
- "For the remission of sins" Acts 2:38
- "Wash away sins" Acts 22:16
- "Into the name of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit" .. Matthew 28:19
- "Into Christ" Galatians 3:27
- "Into his death" Romans 6:4
- "Does now also save" 1 Peter 3:21
- "Answer of a good conscience" 1 Peter 3:21
- "To walk a new life" Romans 6:4
- "To enter the kingdom of God" John 3:5
- "Into one body" 1 Corinthians 12:13

Who Can Be Baptized?

- THOSE WHO ARE TAUGHT MATTHEW 28:19
- THOSE WHO HEAR ACTS 18:1
- THOSE WHO BELIEVE MARK 16:16
- THOSE WHO REPENT ACTS 2:38
- THOSE WHO CONFESS CHRIST ACTS 8:37; ROMANS 10:10



"WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?"

You Can Be Baptized . . .
 Your Family Can Be Baptized . . .
 Your Friends Can Be Baptized . . .
 Your work Associates can Be Baptized . . .
 Everybody You Know Can Be Baptized . . .
 Everybody You Do Not Know Can Be Baptized . . .

Obey the Gospel!



"OBEY THE GOSPEL!"

"And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord." Acts 22:16

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- June 27 – Prayer Service after Evening Worship
- July 4 – Men's Business Meeting & Ladies' Bible Class after Evening Worship
- July 11 – Preach-N-Eat & 1:30 Worship Service (Song Service)
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell