

Behold the Lamb Ministries Update

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**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- The length of God's love to win a soul.
- We are in the Judgment Hour of Revelation 14:7.
- What is won by fighting God?
- The world as we know it is soon to change!
- Reflecting Christ's character in the new year.

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BANK ROBBED FOR SALVATION OF SOUL ?

Brothers and sisters, the Lord is good—amen? He goes to such extreme lengths to get our attention. He does everything possible to win our hearts—what a loving Saviour He truly is.

This story began to involve us this past September while Pastor Kenny spoke at the fall campmeeting held at 3ABN. God opened the door for Pastor Kenny to speak during one of the slots on a Friday afternoon. The Lord not only opened the door, but was present through His Spirit in blessing the message as well.

Unbeknownst to us, a son and his mother were visiting the campmeeting for the first time from Georgia. They are the Fosters, Udia and George. Apparently, Udia had wanted to visit for years but had never made the trip. This year Brother George decided she was going and he was to be the one to take her.

Shortly after Pastor Kenny spoke, Brother George felt urged of the Holy Spirit to invite Pastor Kenny to Georgia to hold a series of evangelistic meetings before the year's end. (We later discovered they

had desired and saved for meetings the past three years but times/speakers never seemed to work out.) Our ultimate answer was, "Yes, we'll go to Georgia."

Everyone began planning, advertising, inviting friends, and so on. There was little time and the meetings were scheduled to begin right after Thanksgiving in Washington, Georgia, a small historic town. During the time of planning, a young man in his 30s who had married an Adventist young woman and had a family of three young boys, decided he had an interest in being at these meetings. However, he knew the timing was impossible for him to attend. He's a painter. And he had just accepted a large job painting a bank. And since the bank was open for business during the day, his job was to begin in the evenings during the same time period the evangelistic meetings were to be held.

Not an Adventist himself, he had visited the Church for at least ten years off and on. But with an uncle who was a Baptist minister and had a great amount of influence on this

man as he was growing up, he was always torn as to which faith held the truth of God's word. Besides, he himself had not always claimed or lived a Christian life anyway, and was never sure being a full-time Christian was the direction he would choose; however, he couldn't help admiring something different in his wife. She had been an influence for good in their marriage, although not always as strong in the faith as she admitted she should be. In any case, the meetings were soon approaching, and Michael decided to ask God about his attending. He prayed that if God wanted him to be at the meetings to somehow make this impossible work situation possible. Brothers and Sisters, God is still in the miracle working business! He loves for a soul to cry out to Him for direction and guidance. And He is not slack in answering their prayers. Michael so felt he needed this job and didn't want to do anything to jeopardize his work. But God sees the BIGGER picture; He sees our eternal needs as well as the temporal.

In God's providence, He allowed that bank to be robbed—yes, robbed! Therefore, all Michael's work had to be postponed because the bank could no longer allow anyone to come in and make changes during this time of investigation. What a wonderful God we serve! The impossible became possible for Michael and his family.

Knowing God's will, Michael was very diligent in getting his family to the meetings each evening. He was always very quiet, and sat in the very back of the room. He never asked questions nor made it known to us that he was a visitor and not a member of the local Church. The day before our last evening meeting was scheduled, Brother George asked us to pray for Michael M. He said he was the father of three boys that had been attending. Our minds were unclear as to who he was since there were several attending with children. However, Pastor Kenny and I did pray for this man.

The last night was spent teaching how we may identify God's true Church from Scripture. The Holy Spirit led in the last altar call to be held in this series. Several wonderful people gave their hearts and lives to the Lord that night and decided they wanted to follow Christ and be baptized. Still Michael and his family sat quietly in the back.

Afterwards, while drawing names from the attendance cards to give evening gifts away, a Christon M. was drawn. And as this little boy came forward, I felt strongly that I should ask who his father is. (Mind you,

many would have ran of embarrassment to openly be pointed out in the crowd. But later his wife said God's hand must have been in it, for it was just exactly what Michael needed.) I openly asked why he had not been up front to give his heart and life to Jesus. He said he would talk to us at the conclusion of the program.

And talk he and his wife, Taffanny, did! We spent quite some time going over questions and confirming truth. However, when he left, he was still in the valley of indecision. He was struggling with the Lord's will for his life and the lives of his family. Pastor Kenny promised to meet early the next morning to continue opening God's word for his admonition.

The next morning was Sabbath, December 12, 2009. The scheduled meeting time had arrived and Michael and his family were not there. This seemed an impossible scenario, given how strongly the Lord had led in the sometimes duel conversations being held the night before—the wives together; the husbands together; at times, all four in one Spirit-led conversation. So what had happened? It was soon found that the spiritual struggle had continued in their hearts through the night. The same was true for Pastor Kenny and me as we were in much prayer for them as well as the other converts.

Michael and his family came late Sabbath morning. They listened intently as Pastor Kenny presented his last message of this series on the sub-

ject of Heaven. They sat quietly in the back as the baptismal candidates came forward, which included one of their three sons. And as the last call was made and the last song was sung, overwhelming joy began to fill the parents' hearts; overwhelming power to join in the baptism; overwhelming urging to follow Christ wheresoever He leads them gripped their hearts. And with uncontrollable tears and a flood of emotions, they quit fighting God and gave in to their love for Him and came forward to be baptized with their son and others.

Friend, what about YOU? You may be in the same boat with Michael. You may be fighting with God not to make a full commitment of acceptance and service. The Saviour is waiting; He is longing to give you a more complete and full life in Him. He sees your eternal destiny as well. What more can He do? What more can He say? It is His desire that all should be saved, but so many continue to fight. And what are we really fighting for? Worldly friends? Unsanctified desires? Lusts we want to hold on to? Maybe it's the type of work we do? I've heard people say, "When I retire, then I'll serve the Lord." What a misconception. You're not promised tomorrow. The Bible, the sure word of truth, declares that today is the day of salvation, and that we are not to harden our hearts to the voice of the Lord (II Corinthians 6:2; Psalm 95:1-8); because, tomorrow may just be too late.

We have been in the judgment hour since 1844. Christ, our High Priest, is in the Most Holy

Place in the Heavenly Sanctuary doing His work of cleansing (Daniel 8:14, Hebrews 3:1). He is cleansing the sanctuary of the sins we have placed there through our prayers of repentance and claiming of the blood of the Lamb of God to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. His work began with His people and/or in His house first (Hebrews 10:30, Daniel 7:10, Revelation 14:7, II Corinthians 5:10, I Peter 4:17). He is pleading His blood, His righteousness as a covering for us as we ask in earnestness God's forgiveness of our sins. The Book Of Life is open. Our life choices will come up before God to be judged for Heaven or hell's torment and destruction. "For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch." Malachi 4:1.

Surely, no one would honestly choose the death of the wicked. Yet, daily many are making this very decision by their lack of earnestness and devotion to God and His plan for our lives.

His calling us to be a part of His family is totally out of love. He so longs to save us from the coming destruction. Life is soon to change as we know it. Many of the natural disasters and wars have been only a taste of what is close at hand. Many are buzzing about the recent movie, "2012." Some are choosing to dismiss such an event as totally fiction—something that could never become reality. Read what

Jeremiah 4: 23-26 has to say concerning such a disastrous event, "I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void: and the heavens, and they had no light. I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the Lord, and by His fierce anger." And again in the book, *The Great Controversy*, p. 657, we read, "The whole earth appears like a desolate wilderness. The ruins of cities and villages destroyed by the earthquake, uprooted trees, ragged rocks thrown out by the sea or torn out of the earth itself, are scattered over its surface, while vast caverns mark the spot where the mountains have been rent from their foundations." More could be quoted, but I think you get the picture.

One cannot even begin to imagine the earth's soon devastation, let a lone make a movie depicting it. So whatever "2012's" depiction of the Mayan Indians' prophecy of the world's end may show, it doesn't even compare to what will truly happen as prophesied in Scripture!

"Soon Christ is coming for His people to take them to the mansions He is preparing for them. But nothing that defiles can enter those mansions. Heaven is pure and holy, and those who pass through the gates of the City of God must here be clothed with inward and outward purity." *Counsels on Health*, p. 103. "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may

be also." John 14:2, 3.

Truly, what do we have to gain in fighting God's love? in fighting true obedience, love and devotion to Him? Isn't the answer obvious? Nothing—nothing but utter heartache and eternal separation from all that is lovely and good.

God allowed a bank to be robbed to catch Michael's attention; and if necessary, I'm sure He would do the same, or more, for each and every one of us. But let's not be so hard headed—what do you say? Let's come to Him and ask, "Lord, what must be done in my life for me to be saved?" Ask Jesus into your heart to live and reign through all eternity. You have nothing to lose, yet ALL to gain!

In His Service,

Pastor Kenny, Sister Chris, and your BTLM Family!



*"He is the Rock,
His work is perfect:
for all His ways
are judgment: a
God of truth and
without iniquity,
just and right is
He." Deuteronomy
32:4.*

OUR HOLIDAY WISH FOR YOU

"Would it not be well for us to observe holidays unto God, when we could revive in our minds the memory of His dealing with us? Would it not be well to consider His past blessings, to remember the impressive warnings that have come home to our souls so that we shall not forget God?"

"The world has many holidays, and men become engrossed with games, with horse races, with gambling, smoking, and drunkenness. Shall not the people of God more frequently have holy convocations in which to thank God for His rich blessing?"

"We want men in the church who have ability in the line of organizing and giving practical work to young men and women in the line of relieving the wants of humanity and working for the salvation of the souls of men, women, youth, and children.

It will not be possible for all to give their whole time to the work because of the labor they must do to earn their daily living. Yet these have their holidays and times that they can devote to Christian work and do good in this way if they cannot give much of their means.

"When you have a holiday, make it a pleasant and happy day for your children, and make it also a pleasant day for the poor and the afflicted. Do not let the day pass without bringing thanksgiving and thank offerings to Jesus." *Counsels for the Church*, pp. 158, 159.

We pray that the holidays have been just this for each of you; making it a time of praise and thanksgiving with your families, church, and Behold the Lamb Ministries. We would like to take this time to say, "Thank you." Our heart-felt thanks

to each of you who have made BTLM a part of your outreach through your prayers and financial support.

Now more than ever YOU are needed to keep the work moving forward. As we find ourselves involved in more evangelism and more local and long distance mission work, with a future of reaching millions via satellite TV, the financial need has grown for the ministry. *While involved in this work, we always desire to leave as much literature in the hands of the people as possible. All this work, God's work, takes a great deal of money. Therefore, we look forward to seeing what work God has for us in this new year as He works through you, His people, to fulfill your obligation of continuance in your giving. May our Blessed Lord richly bless you as you return a gift of thankfulness to Him!*

PRAYER LIST

- Debbie from Herrin, IL.
- Grace from Oregon and her daughter Barbara Ann.
- The Birks family/Sharon Byrd/Daniel Day/Tyrone Mays/Chrerita Day.
- Sheila Clark from New Mexico.
- Tillie Koehn from Kansas—hearing loss, family, and her church.
- Emily V. from New Jersey requests prayer for her son, Jose.
- Blondel L. from Miami, Florida requests prayer for safety and for her Tennessee home finished so she may move from the city. Also, for a special project.
- Ray and Ernestine S. from Hot Springs, Arkansas.
- Sandy P. from Norman, Oklahoma
- Mary P. needs prayer; she is on dialysis.
- Shelton family from Illinois.
- BTLM Church members and growth.
- Eric H. from Oregon—is battling cancer.
- Barbara from California was involved in an accident.
- Barbara S. from Horseshoe Bend, Arkansas—pray for healing.
- Adele N. from Hallandale, Florida, requests prayer for terrible headaches for two years and has no insurance.
- Support and outreach of BTLM.
- Harry H. from Ohio recovering from knee surgery.
- Grace H. from Oregon recovering from and ankle injury.
- Nathaniel B. from Paducah requests prayer for his family.
- Travis Simpson.
- Leah and Lucas W. from Mayfield, Kentucky.
- Marie B. from Florida requests prayer for her children: Matt, Mark, and their sister.
- Adventist Church in Washington, Georgia, with a special blessing on the new converts and the Church's outreach.
- The Holy Spirit's blessing of weekly BTLM program on 3ABN.

"Here is the patience of the saints..."

Thanksgiving Delights

On Thanksgiving Day we're thankful for
 Our blessings all year through,
 For family we dearly love,
 For good friends, old and new.
 For sun to light and warm our days,
 For stars that glow at night,
 For trees of green and skies of blue,
 And puffy clouds of white.
 We're grateful for our eyes that see
 The beauty all around,
 For arms to hug, and legs to walk,
 And ears to hear each sound.
 The list of all we're grateful for
 Would fill a great big book;
 Our thankful hearts find new delights
 Everywhere we look!

By Joanna Fuchs

...here are they that keep the commandments of God, and have the faith of Jesus." Revelation 14:12.

What an awesome thought to begin our new year with. To fervently pray for the mind of Christ to fully be replicated in us! That we become the patient, loving, faithful Christians God has called us to be. Let go of, and recognize, those obstacles/character traits that are keeping us from fully reflecting the **love of God** to those around us. Begin to see others as a "soul" for the Kingdom, realizing that we cannot truly love others as brothers and sisters in Christ if we are busy judging and condemning them by our narrow perspective of who, and what, we believe them to be. Rather, in patient faith through fervent prayer, **love others** as Jesus did. Show others the way of salvation **in love**—without "**love**" everything else availeth nothing (I Corinthians 13). Then watch God do the rest; convicting hearts and guiding your every step!

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