

# Praise The Lord



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## “LET THE HEATHEN RAGE...!”

1989, the year that *ALL HELL BROKE LOOSE!* For starters, vicious lying rumors about TBN, Paul and Jan began circulating. Sectors of the secular press picked up the cry. My “business ethics” were challenged. Certain religious bodies *bought the lie* and launched a “non-investigation.” The media launched an attack on our charitable and Christian television outreaches in South Africa.

Days were consumed as I *answered every charge* with stacks of documentation proving that every charge was absolutely *FALSE!*

“LORD, HOW ARE THEY INCREASED THAT TROUBLE ME! MANY ARE THEY THAT RISE UP AGAINST ME.” Psalm 3:1

I guess what hurt the most was the fact that much of the attack came from my *so called brothers!* Things have not changed much since Joseph’s day, *have they?* Naturally, most of this broke just before Praise-A-Thon in March and early April. Satan always *times his attacks* to try and hurt our twice-a-year fund raising drives. It seemed like we got a nasty news item every day for several days leading up to Praise-A-Thon. Jan and I were accused of everything from being cruel on the one hand, to being excessively *generous* to third world nations in our efforts to expand Christian television worldwide – on the other.

“WHY DO THE HEATHEN RAGE, AND THE PEOPLE IMAGINE A VAIN THING?” Psalm 2:1

I’ll tell you why... This recent Praise-A-Thon, in spite of “*ALL HELL,*” was the *GREATEST IN THE 16 YEAR HISTORY OF TBN!* April was *UP 44%* over last April. In fact, certain stations logged *over 100% increases!* PRAISE THE LORD!

“HEAR ME WHEN I CALL, O GOD...: THOU HAST ENLARGED ME WHEN I WAS IN DISTRESS...” Psalm 4:1

In spite of *all* satan hurled at us, **20 new stations** signed on the air the first half of 1989; **Brazil** was GRANTED a full power station; construction started in **Costa Rica**; **Milan, Italy** signed *ON THE AIR*; our first **two radio stations** were GRANTED and **a WHOLE NETWORK** was GRANTED in **South Africa!** *How’s that for trouble, satan?*

Next was a most *unusual* problem. A large well established company which has supplied many of our TV transmitters went bankrupt. *Five* large full power transmitters were under construction when the bad news hit. We will salvage most of our equipment and investment from the wreckage, but *El Salvador, Portland, Oregon* and other affiliated projects *will be delayed* by several weeks – possibly *three to four months* for some. *Please pray* that God will guide us and protect us through these uncharted and troubled waters.

Next, while trying to take a few days rest after Praise-A-Thon, I made the mistake of trying to ride a spirited Arabian horse near Dallas, Texas! Mark, the trainer, rode him, Matt, my son rode him, but when I saddled up – *ALL HELL, AGAIN!* Matt said, “All four hooves came off the ground at once!” and I joined the ranks of the *Wild West*

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*Rodeo!* By faith I have not missed *one* PRAISE program or slackened my schedule, but I have been in severe pain in my right side and arm where I landed! *Pray* that an important schedule in *So. Africa* will *not* be affected. And, *Yes*, dear partners, my horse riding days are *over!*

Beloved partners, we used to sing a grand old song – “*THE FIGHT IS ON, O CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS!*” Well, we need to revive that song! In addition to all I have just mentioned, I am still troubled that *much* of the ecclesiastical world still *refuses to forgive and restore* our fallen Christian brothers. Perhaps this is as it must be. The religious leaders of Jesus’ day wouldn’t even accept *HIM – the perfect Son of God!* I don’t care what Jimmy Swaggart did or didn’t do. *He ASKED FOR MY FORGIVENESS*, so I have *NO CHOICE* but to FORGIVE – that is *IF* I want *my sins* forgiven!

**“BUT IF YE DO NOT FORGIVE, NEITHER WILL YOUR FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN FORGIVE YOUR TRESPASSES.”** Mark 11:26

I refuse to engage in any arguments or debates on *man-made* programs of restoration. I can’t find any formula in scripture for man-made restoration except *ONE – FORGIVE!* It is God who judges and *HIS* gifts and callings are “*WITHOUT REPENTANCE.*” Romans 11:29 Jesus had *much* to say about the traditions of the religious leaders of his day...

**“WOE TO YOU SCRIBES, AND PHARISEES, HYPOCRITES! FOR YE PAY TITHE...AND HAVE OMITTED THE WEIGHTIER MATTERS OF THE LAW, JUSTICE, MERCY AND FAITH... YE BLIND GUIDES, WHICH STRAIN AT A GNAT AND SWALLOW A CAMEL.”**  
Matthew 23:23, 24

I grieve most of all for the lost sinner looking in on all of the infighting and *lack of forgiveness*. I can imagine what most of them must be thinking – “*WHO NEEDS THIS KIND OF TROUBLE? THERE IS MORE FORGIVENESS DOWN AT JOE’S BAR THAN I READ IN THE PAPERS ABOUT YOU CHRISTIANS!*”

I want to cry out – *DEAR SINNER FRIEND – DON’T JUDGE JESUS BY THE LIVES OF SOME CHRISTIANS!* We are *ALL* sinners; we all need to be forgiven.

Yes, partners, this all had to come to bring about *the final separation*. Jesus said, let the wheat and the tares *grow together* until the harvest. *Then* will he separate the sheep from the goats and the wheat from the tares. Glory be to God, *in spite of* demons and devils, trials and tribulations, even *all Hell* breaking loose, *THE GREAT FINAL HARVEST CONTINUES!* God showed me in a vivid dream back in 1987 that a *STORM* was coming against TBN. In that dream a violent storm from the *EAST* crashed against TBN. I saw the face of a man materialize from the dark billowing cloud as the full fury of the storm hit. But as *that face* tried to break the wall of TBN, *MANY OF US RUSHED TO THE BROKEN WINDOW* and with our very bodies *BLOCKED* that face and the entrance of the storm.

Praise the Lord! In spite of all that *HELL* has hurled against us the old Ship of TBN rides *HIGH* on the waves of adversity. Partners, *how many times* do we have to remind ourselves – *WE WIN!*

Jan and I know that you, *too*, are going through your fiery trials. Satan is out to kill, steal and destroy *all that you hold dear*. But partners, we will stand *with you* just as *you* have stood with us. Together, we *HAVE* put the devil to flight and will continue to *PULL DOWN* his strongholds through the power of Jesus Christ!

Yes, *ALL HELL* has broken loose – so what? *ALL HEAVEN* is on the way and *together* we are hastening the *DAY!* We love you and are your prayer partners. Just write to Jan and me and let us know your needs. Thank you, *too*, for your faithful love gifts that keep this great Network *ON THE AIR!*

*Paul*

## “WELL DONE, THOU GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT...” Matt. 25:21

This is the *BEAUTIFUL* award that we received on behalf of YOU TBN Partners who have made Trinity Broadcasting Network possible (Now over 162 Stations!). What a tremendous honor to receive this commendation from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors presented by the Honorable KENNETH HAHN, Supervisor of the Second District of the County of Los Angeles, for the “Outstanding Growth of Trinity Broadcasting Network throughout America and around the world.” Supervisor Hahn holds the distinct honor in the state of California of an unsurpassed record of being elected to office for *TEN* consecutive four-year terms! He is a beloved Christian brother, esteemed statesman and a TBN partner! Standing behind Supervisor Hahn are Supervisor PETE SCHABARUM of the First District and Supervisor ED EDELMAN of the Third District of the County of Los Angeles. When righteous men hold office, the people rejoice. (Prov. 29:2)





## “...SHALL A NATION BE BORN AT ONCE?” Is. 66:8



Yes, a NATION has been has been “born at once!” First ON THE AIR in the Ciskei – then approval in Bophuthatswana – and in April, a Christian Television NETWORK was approved by the South African government for the Republic of South Africa! The SABC (South African Broadcasting Co.) has most of the necessary equipment in place. All we will need to do is duplicate Program Tapes at home and send them to South Africa!

Paul is standing here with Walter Betschel (SABC), President Lucas Mangope of Bophuthatswana, and K. C. A. V. Schume, Minister of Posts and Telecommunications of Bophuthatswana. We are working together to preach the Gospel to Southern Africa. Jesus said: “This Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in ALL the world for a witness unto ALL NATIONS; and THEN shall the end come.” (Matthew 24:14) YOU can be a Missionary to Africa as you designate your Love Gift to TBN for Videotapes for Africa!

## “Ye shall receive POWER, after...the Holy Ghost is come upon you...”

Drs. T. L. and DAISY OSBORN are best known perhaps for the AWESOME demonstration of God's MIRACULOUS POWER on a massive scale. But it wasn't always that way. Not until the Precious Holy Spirit revealed a valuable key to the miraculous POWER of God by divine revelation of Jesus' heart of LOVE for the World, that Bro. Osborn's heart was FILLED with this same love, the compassion, the CARING of Jesus – that the MIRACLES of Jesus followed, too.

How much do WE love the World? The WORLD is starving to see the supernatural POWER of God Almighty, to know Him personally and to experience His Love in their lives. Are YOU ready to have the Holy Spirit pour in His Love FOR THEM in your heart? “...And he that loseth his life for My sake shall find it.” (Matt. 10:39) The Lord may not be asking you to GIVE UP YOUR LIFE for the sake of the Gospel, but are you willing to be faithful in the “small things” that enable the Gospel to be SENT to all the world? Please Write Today!



## “There is no...language, where their voice is not heard.” Ps. 19:3



The construction of Channel 25, in SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR continues to progress! Praise the Lord! The Studio and Transmitter Building are being built. However, once again, satan has TRIED to stop the Gospel from being on the air in El Salvador. The battle is over – we know WE WIN! Jesus said “ALL NATIONS” would hear the Gospel for a witness and that includes EL SALVADOR! You precious Prayer Warriors KNOW HOW to pray this one through! You have stood with us through many a battle and PRAYED THROUGH TO THE VICTORY! Like LaVerne Tripp sings: “We're NOT defeated – We're NOT defeated – We're NOT defeated ANYMORE!” One day we will be Rejoicing in HEAVEN with BEAUTIFUL El Salvadorians who came to Jesus because of Your prayers and love!

## “...THE JOY OF THE LORD IS YOUR STRENGTH.” Neh. 8:10

Soon you Beautiful BLOOMINGTON / INDIANAPOLIS Partners will have Local PRAISE, a Prayer Chapel, Prayer Partner Center and His Hand Extended Ministry. Channel 42 is undergoing complete renovation! Construction is expected to be completed by the end of this year. In this picture, a back-up satellite dish (donated by Christian Center of Indianapolis, Pastor Del Bock) has just been installed. Bob Higley, Ch. 42 Station Manager, has been hard at work helping to make your New and Improving Station even more beautiful!

Let your Local TBN Station be part of YOUR ministry! There are FOUR important ways you can effectively minister to the needs in your community through serving your Local TBN Station: 1. Tell others in your community about TBN and be sure to mention the Ch. # in your area; 2. Be a Prayer Partner; 3. Donate needed items to His Hand Extended; and 4. Support YOUR TBN Station! You really CAN make a JESUS difference in your community! Let Jesus be able to say these words to YOU: “WELL DONE!...Enter thou into the JOY OF THY LORD!” (Matt. 25:21)





## "COME, AND LET US RETURN UNTO THE LORD..." Hosea 6:1



GAVIN and PATTI MacLEOD host a fabulous series on Marriage – helping "lost" marriages get "BACK ON COURSE." They will soon be taping more new programs for the series. Be sure to watch – Tuesdays at 9:30 A.M. and Saturdays at 5:00 P.M. (P.D.T.).

More Exciting NEW PROGRAMS will be coming your way – several are now in the planning stages. We are talking to Jeff Fenholt about doing a Music program. Dallas Holm will be doing new programs. There are plans for programs with Gene Neill ministering in prisons. Dean and Lori Jones will be doing a program. And Dr. Richard Jackson will have a new program featuring his classic sermons! You won't want to miss these New Programs coming soon. Write today and support NEW PROGRAMS that are winning people to Jesus 24 hours a day!

## "O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS..." Ps. 96:9

KELLYE CASH – Miss America 1987 was a recent guest on PRAISE. She is not only BEAUTIFUL, but an anointed, and gifted singer, as well! PRAISE THE LORD always brings God's best to you and your family!

You can be a powerful witness as you see "the PRAISE guest crawl" before the program and INVITE people to watch these special guests on your local channel! There may be "just the right person" to reach that one you are praying for. If you know someone who is discouraged, lonely, sick, bound by drugs or alcohol, needs a miracle, needs JESUS – your encouragement to watch a PRAISE program may change their lives! Let Jesus make you a "fisher of men" TODAY!



## OUR LOVE GIFT TO YOU FOR JULY...

### NEW – LARGER POSTER-SIZED JESUS PICTURE

For fifteen years, Sherri Blackburn's original oil painting of Jesus Coming in the Clouds has hung over our main PRAISE THE LORD set.

"BEHOLD, I COME QUICKLY" was inspired by the Lord to Sherri and she gave this priceless painting as her love gift to the Lord and to TBN.

We have never produced this larger (14" X 18") version before – so Jan and I want you to have one for your home. One picture is worth a thousand words – so I need say no more. Just thank you, again, for making TBN the great soul winning voice that it is. We love you for that and Jesus does, too! Your love gift large or small will bring this beautiful picture to you. Use the enclosed envelope or write to: TBN, P.O. Box A, Santa Ana, CA 92711

– Paul & Jan



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**"...AS YE HAVE DONE IT UNTO ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE..."**



As we do at many of the TBN Revivals, you beautiful JESUS People have brought in sacks of food and clothing to be given to the needy. We are seeing an outpouring of God's blessings as we minister to the "least of these." We have also set up HIS HAND EXTENDED ministries at many of your TBN stations: TBN Hdqtrs. Ch. 40 (His Hand is at Set Free Christian Fellowship, Anaheim, Calif.), Phoenix Ch. 21, Oklahoma City Ch. 14, Albuquerque Ch. 23, Denver Ch. 57, So. Florida Ch. 45, Poughkeepsie N.Y. Ch. 54, Richmond Ind. Ch. 43, Canton Ch. 17, and Tacoma/Seattle Ch. 20. Remember to bring a sackful of such things as... canned and staple foods, disposable diapers, men's clothing, and blankets when visiting one of YOUR TBN stations. Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it UNTO ME." Matt. 25:40

## THE SIN OF OMISSION

By Dr. Billy Graham

The Bible teaches that possibly the greatest sins that can be committed are those of omission. This message deals with the sin of omission or the sin of negative living. Nothing could please Satan more than for Christians to fall into the rut of negation. Hundreds of Christians are continually talking about the things they do not do.

Some Christians say, "I do not dance, I do not drink, I do not gamble." And they think that because they do not do these particular things they have a special type of righteousness. They become almost like the Pharisees of old.

The world is not half so impressed by the things that one does not do as they are by the good things that one does.

Certainly, one should not do things that are wrong; but there are thousands of people who glory in what they do not do, while they commit more grievous sins by not doing good things. They are guilty of the sin of omission or of negative living.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon, the great London preacher, was once the guest of a man who made his virtues the chief topic of conversation; but his virtues were all of the negative kind, consisting of the bad things he had not done.

Disgusted with the man's self-righteousness, Spurgeon said, "Why man, you are simply a bundle of negatives. You don't drink, you don't gamble, you don't swear. What in the name of goodness do you do?"

We know that, fundamentally, salvation is not of works. But in stressing this phase of the Gospel, too many have neglected to emphasize the fact that we will be judged more according to the good we have left undone than for the evil we have done.

Good works are not a means of salvation because we are saved by grace through faith. We are saved only on the grounds of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

But, our good works are an evidence of salvation; and if we fail to do all the good we can, to all the people we can, at any time we can, by any means we can, we will be condemned at the judgement bar of God. Make no mistake about that.

### GOOD WORKS AS UNTO GOD

Jesus gave a clear, strong warning against the blighting, murderous sin of omission. "Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was ahungered, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in:

naked, and ye visited me not. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee ahungered, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal" (Matthew 24:41-46).

He called those who failed to do good as unto Him, "Cursed." He called those who did good as unto Him, "Righteous."

It is very significant that in every one of Jesus' parables of condemnation the sin condemned is the sin of omission.

### WHAT THEY DID NOT DO

For example, the guest at the wedding supper was cast out because he did not wear the wedding garment. The five foolish virgins did not bring oil with their lamps. The man with one talent did not trade with it to his master's profit. The rich man did not minister to the poor man, Lazarus, lying at his gate. The unmerciful servant did not forgive his fellow-servant who owed him a paltry hundred pence.

In the account of the last judgement, those on the left hand were cast into outer darkness not because they had committed some grave evil, but because they failed to do good when the opportunity presented itself.

...In the account of the last judgement the people were not asked questions of theology. As important as doctrine is, they were not asked about their doctrinal beliefs. Neither were they asked what sins they had committed. Theirs was the neglect to do good, and their sin was grave enough to send them into everlasting punishment.

...The Pharisees majored on show but minored on service, and Jesus said, "Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:20).

### CHRIST'S HANDS

During the war, a church in Strasburg, Germany, was totally destroyed; but a statue of Christ which stood by the altar was almost unharmed. Only the hands of the statue were missing. When the church was rebuilt, a famous sculptor offered to make new hands; but, after considering the matter,



the members decided to let it stand as it was – without hands. “For,” they said, “Christ has no hands but our hands to do His work on earth. If we don’t feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, entertain the stranger, visit the imprisoned and clothe the naked, who will?”

Christ is depending on us to do the very things which He did while upon earth. But many of us have failed Him. We have gone our own selfish, careless way, heedless of the cry of the needy.

My friends, if the gospel we preach does not have a social application, if it will not work effectively in the work-a-day world, then it is not the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

### WARM HAND OF FORGIVENESS

For example, suppose there is a man in your community who has done you an injustice. Feelings have mounted between you and everyone knows the way you feel about him. You could extend to him the warm hand of forgiveness but willfully you refuse to do so. That is your sin.

Jesus laid down a very clear rule for such a situation. He said, “Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift” (Matthew 5:23-24).

Christ our Lord set this example of forgiveness before us. He was maligned, blasphemed, falsely accused and crucified. Amidst unthinkable suffering He said, “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34). He who had the grace to forgive can give you the grace to forgive your enemies. Remember that.

### LOOK AROUND YOU

Perhaps you know a man who has had misfortune and bereavement. His burden has been almost too great to bear. You have thought that you should visit him and offer him a helping hand and some financial help, but you have neglected to do it. That is your sin.

Christ has been holding out His hand of compassion, saying, “As you do it for the least of these, you do it for me” (cf. Matthew 24:45). But you have turned a deaf ear to it. You have gone on your selfish way, one step nearer judgment.

Maybe you know a young man with the red blood of youth coursing through his veins. You have known the battle he is fighting against temptation.

He is discouraged and beginning to lose heart. It would be so easy for you to lay your hand on his shoulder and give him a word of encouragement and cheer, but you have not done it. That is your sin.

Perhaps you know a mother who for days has been standing over the fevered body of a sick child. Night and day she is utterly worn out and her nerves are taut.

It occurred to you to visit her and relieve her for one night, but you did not do it. You went on your own selfish way. That is your sin.

Or maybe you know a poor family down the street. You have heard that the father is out of work and that they have scarcely a thing to eat. You have intended to visit that family and offer your help, but you have procrastinated and failed to do it. That is your sin.

According to civil law, it is not a sin; but in the eyes of God, it is as grave as any evil. “These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others,” said Jesus (Matthew 23:23, RSV). A serious judgment awaits those who fail to do these acts of Christian kindness.

Do you know a man in your neighborhood who needs Christ? Have you done anything to bring him to the Savior? Do you know others who are unable to go to Sunday

school and church because they have no way to get there? Have you offered to help them?

### IMPORTANT MATTERS

God gave His only Son to help the condition of mankind. What have you done? Will the Judge of the universe furrow His brow and condemn you as He did the Pharisees when He said, “Woe unto you...for ye...have omitted the weightier matters of the law, justice and mercy and faith” (Matthew 23:23, RSV).

Must you commit some great sin to lose the worthwhile things of life? No! Many a home has been wrecked; not because the husband or wife committed any great sin, but simply because they neglected to do the good things which keep marriage and love alive. Many a business has failed; not because the owner was dishonest or had done great wrong, but because he just failed to perform to little kind gestures that bring in customers. His was the fatal mistake of omission.

Many a man has lost his health; not because he abused his body with immoral practices or injured it by filthy habits, but simply because he was indifferent toward his physical welfare. He neglected his health. His was the sin of omission, the evil of sheer neglect.

### OPPORTUNITY NEGLECTED

Many a person is shriveled in his soul. He has drawn the dark shades of selfishness around him and sits on the brink of spiritual death all because he has passed up every God-given opportunity to do good. Now, because those golden hours are past and he is craven in his soul, the light has gone out of his life. The dusk of eternity’s night has already begun to settle down upon him.

Oh, yes, God also hears the cry of the starving millions in Asia. He hears the wail of the millions of untouchables in India. He sees the misery of the millions of underprivileged in Africa. Their cry has come up before Him.

He can meet their needs through us. He has given you wealth. Have you divided it? He has given you love. Have you shared it? He has given you an abundance. Have you given some?

He knows the suffering of the sad, the distressed and the bereaved around the world. “And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these...a cup of cold water only...verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward” (Matthew 10:42).

### THE REAL CHRISTIAN LIFE

Unless our belief in God helps us to help our fellow-man, our faith stands condemned. Our love for God is best proved by our regard for the needs of our neighbors.

Man is God’s crowning creation. God regarded man highly enough to give His only Son for our redemption. We cannot be oblivious of our neighbor’s needs and expect the continued favor of the Almighty.

The Bible says, “To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin” (James 4:17).

The Christian life, if it is to be worthy of the name, is the life of selflessness. Self is crucified. Jesus, our Lord, said, “Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me” (Mark 8:34).

“Lord, help me to live from day to day  
In such a self-forgetful way  
That even when I kneel to pray  
My prayer shall be for others.”

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