

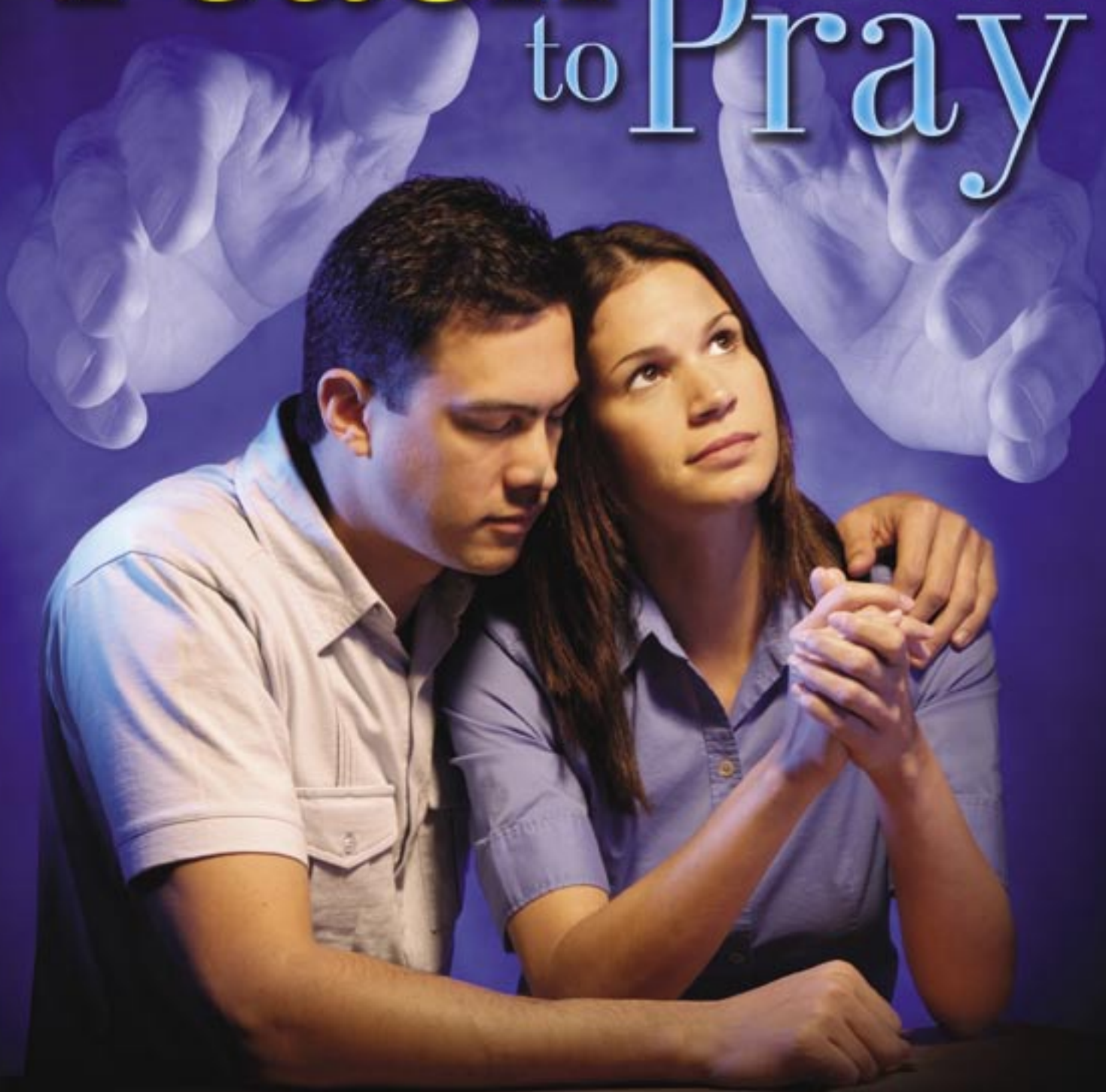
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# Teach Us to Pray

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A Funny Thing Happens on the Way to Heaven

by Anthony Lester



I felt confident, warmed up, and ready to go. As I started jogging around the local school track a few weeks ago, my body felt great. Still, I didn't want to push it—after all, it had been more than a month. So I decided to *ease* back in by going just three little miles.

But then a funny thing happened. By the time I reached the half-mile mark, I felt like falling over. Queasy and dizzy, I was gasping for air, taking desperate baby-like steps, and wondering how I would ever manage to go even one mile. How did it come to this?

For years I had been a pretty good jogger. On an average day, I would run at least 45 minutes with plenty of gas left in the tank. On other days I'd work out with weights. I was probably in the best shape of my life.

Then one day, life got in the way. My wife and I lead fairly busy lives, much of it devoted to doing God's work. We'd also traveled a lot, and eventually, we allowed ourselves to neglect our fitness regimen. Haley and I went more than a month without exercising, and we soon felt sluggish and unmotivated to ever do it again. I was the worst offender—when my wife said we should go run, I'd complain, "It's hot." "It's too cold!" "I'm hungry." "I'm too full!" I found any excuse to not get back on the track.

What finally got me back? I admit part of it was simply vanity after a glance in the mirror, but much of it was the unhealthy consequences, such as feeling lethargic and the loss of endurance. I also realized that the longer I delayed, the more likely I would never go back to good fitness. I didn't want that.

So as I went out jogging one morning, I had to pray most of the way, asking God for much-needed help to keep going. After a while, I felt His presence with me on the track; but better, I felt Him teaching me an important lesson even as I struggled to reach the finish line.

For many years, I have been reading the Bible daily, praying faithfully, and avoiding worldly influences. But then a funny thing

happened. I stopped exercising my spirit. Life had gotten in the way, and I started to neglect time with God like I was neglecting physical exercise.

Before long, I started feeling distant from Him, and my trust and faith began to slip. The more I got away from knowing Him in study, the less motivated I was to approach Him at all. And I had plenty of excuses. "It's early; we have time to do it later." "It's too late; I'm tired."

What's most surprising is I get up and work for Amazing Facts with energy and enthusiasm every day, yet I was feeling sluggish and disinterested in devotional time and prayer. When it came time to actually drink in the Living Water, it was more tempting to pick up some other tasty but spiritually void refreshment in its place.

What got me back on track? I admit part of it was a devoted wife who loves me enough to shove me along the right path. But most of it was the unhealthy spiritual consequences—a return to bad habits, faithlessness, and compromise. I also knew the longer I delayed getting on my knees, the harder it would be to go back. I don't want that.

Gratefully, as my wife and I are back running, our daily prayers and devotions are also back on track. The glory belongs to God; He called attention to my neglect and helped me make the right decision, even as I huffed and puffed doing laps. As with running, it's been a struggle to regain the endurance needed to run the race of faith successfully, but it is worth it.

This *Inside Report* is the second issue devoted to improving your communication with our Father in heaven. If you've been away for a while, it might be a struggle to get back to it. But it's worth the struggle, and God will see you through. Maybe that's why you have this magazine in your hands.

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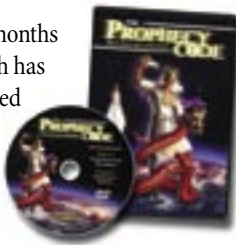
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# Mail Bag



## Prophecy Code

I was saved several months back by the Lord, which has changed my life. I started worshipping through a wonderful Sunday church; however, I happened to go through your *Prophecy Code* series organized here by a local church in Bangalore. Since then, your words and the Holy Spirit have directed me toward becoming a Sabbathkeeper. Last Saturday, I visited the church for worship! Thank you, Lord, and thank you, Pastor Doug. *J.S., India*



## Giving Peace of Mind

I just want to tell you what a blessing your ministry has been in my life. I do your online lessons daily, and it has opened my eyes and given me peace of mind. I am learning more about the will of God. Although I have been a church member for all my life, it is so refreshing to confirm the truth that is written in His Word. Thank you for your knowledge and commitment to serve God's people. *C.M., e-mail*

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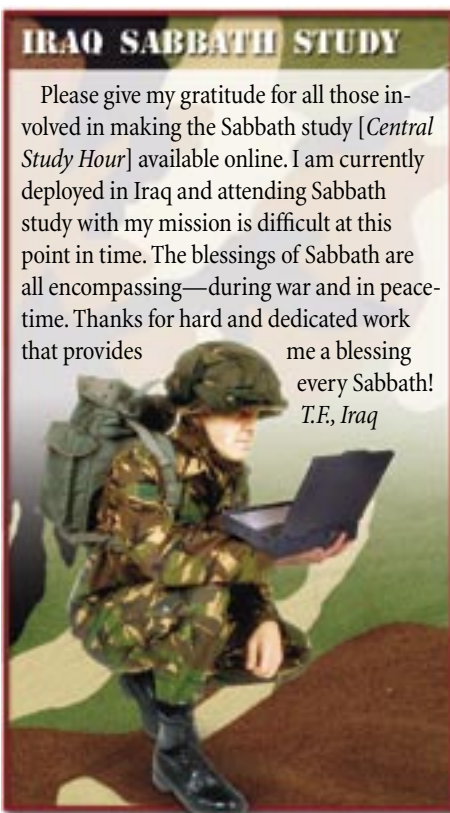
God bless your ministry! About two years ago I prayed to God, asking Him what I have to do to live in His will. About three days later, I saw Pastor Doug on a local cable station. I was so amazed by his comments that I decided to visit your website. Before I knew it, I was learning things

I never thought possible—especially about the Sabbath. It's changed my life forever. *T.H., Alabama*



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I have taken your online Bible studies, and I have discovered the truth of God's Word. The course was both interesting and informative, and Pastor Doug is a gifted teacher. I was baptized yesterday, and I thank the Holy Spirit for guiding me, through your teachings, to make the decision to be a part of His remnant church. *J.M., North Carolina*



### IRAQ SABBATH STUDY

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me a blessing every Sabbath!  
*T.E., Iraq*

## A Prophetic Event

I just want to say how much I appreciate Pastor Doug's May 2005 letter. It reveals the spirit of Christ in its humility, yet it is very plain and forward in its prophetic and biblical truthfulness. I am grateful for his humble boldness. *W.P., Kansas*

## It All Works Together

Amazing Facts is truly amazing! Your ministry points out what is commonly missed and whatever points are made, they are biblically supported. I really feel blessed. Not too long ago, I watched and read the *Final Events* DVD, and I wanted to hear more. It was a month later before I accidentally came across the recordings of your prophecy meetings. Though I'm just a student and not making money to donate, I'll show my support by saying: Keep it up! *M.C., Indiana*



## Singapore Blessings

I am truly blessed by the biblical information and teachings offered by Pastor Doug and his team. I have recently ordered some materials from your website. If God is willing, may Amazing Facts materials be more readily available to the hungry souls here. God is doing amazing work in this country right now, and the churches are really growing. And now we get to hear *Bible Answers Live* every morning! *C.S., Singapore*

## The Amazing Bible School

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# Teach Us to Pray

PART 2

by Doug Batchelor



*In the last Inside Report, we talked about the Lord's Prayer in terms of how it relates to our relationship with God. In this issue, we're going to look again at the model prayer, this time in regard to our relationships with others and to ourselves.*

**An Amazing Fact:** *In World War II, a British soldier was seen creeping back in from the front lines. He was captured by his army and accused of conspiring with the enemy as he had not been given permission to leave. He confessed, "I have been out in the woods praying." His fellow soldiers mocked him and immediately ordered him to offer up some evidence. He simply told them he was by himself and that he just needed to pray. His captors threatened to charge him as a traitor, saying, "You're going to be executed unless you pray right now and convince us that you were really praying."*

*The private then fell on his knees and began to offer an eloquent, heartfelt prayer as one who was about to meet his Maker. But by the end of the prayer, the commander in charge said he was free to go. "I believe your story," he said. "If you had not spent so much time at drill, you would not have performed so well during review." He then added, "I can tell, from the way you prayed, you are on regular speaking terms with God."*

**T**he times of our prayers should be frequent and regular, but even more important, the content should be outward. I frequently catch myself beginning with "gimme" prayers: "Dear Lord, give me this and give me that," and near the end, I add, "God, I praise your name." According to the pattern Christ gave us, that's backward. I know I underscored this point in part one, but it's worth repeating. God has convicted me that my prayers are too selfish, and I need to keep Him and others first in mind when I pray.

Although we're about to focus on prayer for ourselves, I feel that before we delve into these absolutely necessary facets of prayer, we need to make sure we have the right order of prayer in mind. Obviously, we should pray for our needs, but as Jesus indicated, when we pray, we want to acknowledge God's holy name, His purposes, and His kingdom before all other things. And all of our needs must be viewed in the context of His will. With that careful reminder, we can continue our study and discover what happens when we ask the Lord, "Teach us to pray!"

## ***"Give Us This Day ..."***

Bread represents many things in the Bible. First, "daily bread" means the provisions necessary for sustaining life from day to day. Of course, this is a pattern of prayer, so it doesn't mean that you can't

also pray for water, clothing, and other needs. When we pray for our daily bread, we're really asking God to supply the basic necessities of our everyday lives.

(Should a person with their cupboards full still pray, "Give us this day our daily bread"? Yes, absolutely. Never take anything God has given you for granted. Remember, Job's full barns were all lost in one day.)

God is telling us that we should feel confident to come before our Lord, asking Him to fulfill our needs. Of course, He is already well aware of these needs, but He wants us to know that it is He who provides all good things for His children. For instance, when the Jews went through the wilderness, they prayed for food, and God rained manna from heaven, showing His continual, loving provision. Don't be afraid or ashamed to ask—He wants you to!

Remember, though, that when we pray, "Give us ... our daily bread," it doesn't mean that God expects us not to go out and earn it. Some people think they can pray the Lord's Prayer and then sit back and do nothing, expecting Him to answer. When the Lord rained down manna, the Jews went out to collect it. They didn't lie back with their mouths open, waiting for it to fall directly into their mouths. Notice too that the manna fell outside the camp; it didn't rain on their tents. Part of getting the bread is going out and



harvesting it where we work. After that, the Jews had to knead the manna and bake it; only after working could they consume their daily bread. We must likewise invest ourselves in the process and not become lazy with the Lord's blessings. Don't forget that giving us our bread day by day also includes this understood caveat: "Six days shalt thou labor."

### ***"... Our Daily Bread"***

Is food all that is entailed in "daily bread"? As with most lessons in the Bible, "our daily bread" has a very important spiritual application. In Matthew 4:4, Jesus teaches, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" using the word "bread" to describe all the temporal needs of humanity.

Most important, He would later say, "I am the bread of life" (John 6:35). Christ was not speaking only of our physical

needs, but instructing us to invite God into our hearts every day. The bread represents Jesus, our spiritual food, which is far greater and more fulfilling than any physical bread on earth.

How often do we need to be spiritually fed? All through its sacred pages, the Bible speaks of praying daily. "Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray" (Psalm 55:17). Daily bread, daily communion with the Lord, should be our top priority. Why do we not say, "Lord, give me a month's supply"? Most of us don't fret from day to day that the refrigerator is going to be empty, so we don't often appreciate the implications of praying for daily bread. Although those who lived through the Depression may understand such a concept, few Americans today, living in a society of such massive abundance, have ever really struggled from day to day searching for something to eat. In fact, some of us have months of food in the pantry.

But many of us don't have even a few minutes of spiritual food stored up in our hearts and minds. Which bread is more important, the physical or the spiritual? How many of us have a month's supply of spiritual bread? We need to collect some every day. You cannot live tomorrow solely on what you've collected today. Some have a few calories stored up, having memorized Scripture, and it's going to come in handy, but if you want your Christian experience to be vital and full of life, you must have daily devotions. You've got to go out and gather that spiritual manna.

One final thought: The Bible doesn't say, "Give me this day my daily bread. Rather, Jesus teaches us to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread." It's *our* bread. It's not *my* bread. We ought to be as concerned about the needs of others as much as, or more than, our own needs.

Scripture teaches, "Bear ye one another's burdens" (Galatians 6:2). We should be doing that physically, assisting the weak by offering our resources and our strength to help them. We should also do it spiritually, by lifting each other up in prayer, offering one another's petitions on our knees. And we must do this daily, persistently. "And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?" (Luke 18:7).

### ***"And Forgive Us Our Debts, as We Forgive Our Debtors."***

Did you know Jesus makes only one direct commentary on the Lord's Prayer? In Matthew, when He finishes teaching the prayer, He adds, "For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (6:14, 15). Right in the middle of the Lord's Prayer, Christ reveals a connection between the vertical and the horizontal relationship. Perhaps we should listen!

Is God saying, "I'll make you a deal: You all forgive each other—no bitterness,



no grudges, no more talking about the bad things you did to each other—and I'll forgive you"? Is that what God means? Is that the gospel? No, that's not what leads to our forgiveness. We're not saved by the basis of our works. Instead, the gospel says that we are to come just as we are to God, and He will forgive us. However, God says, "Now that you're forgiven, I expect you to forgive each other."

However, although you're not saved by your works, if you continue to live in defiance, you will be lost because it's evidence that you're not serious about following Jesus. The mercy and grace of God cannot be cultivated in a heart that's embracing a bitter and unforgiving spirit. Have you ever been betrayed by a friend? Has someone ever talked badly about you? We've all been hurt. And often, we become defensive and start viewing that person narrowly, and we may even wonder if we can dig up a little dirt to even the score. Is that the spirit of Jesus, "who when he was reviled he reviled not again"?

The Bible says that when we realize the high price Christ has paid for our forgiveness, it makes it easier for us to forgive one another. "So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses" (Matthew 18:35). We need to be willing to forgive one another, and God points this out to us repeatedly in Scripture. "And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive

him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses" (Mark 11:25, 26 NKJV).

Can you mentally forgive a person even though you may not feel like it? Yes, just like you can accept forgiveness even though you might not feel forgiven.

It's done by faith.

You can choose to forgive

others who have harmed you. Even though you may not be able to forget what happened, you can say, "Lord, by your grace I am going to forgive them." You make that conscious choice, then God's grace follows.

When you accept the forgiveness of God, His grace naturally follows. You must first have faith that God is going to help you forgive. "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy" (Matthew 5:7). If we can't forgive each other, God can't forgive us, because our hearts are not open either to give or receive forgiveness. That's serious, isn't it? It's going to require an act of grace, a miracle, for us to be able to do that.

### ***"And Lead Us Not Into Temptation"***

This particular petition is the one that is most misunderstood. At a glance, it almost seems as though we're begging God not to tempt us. "Please, Lord, we know you don't want to tempt us. Yet if I don't ask you not to tempt me, you're going to tempt me." That's a really poor translation. In fact, James 1:13 says, "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man."

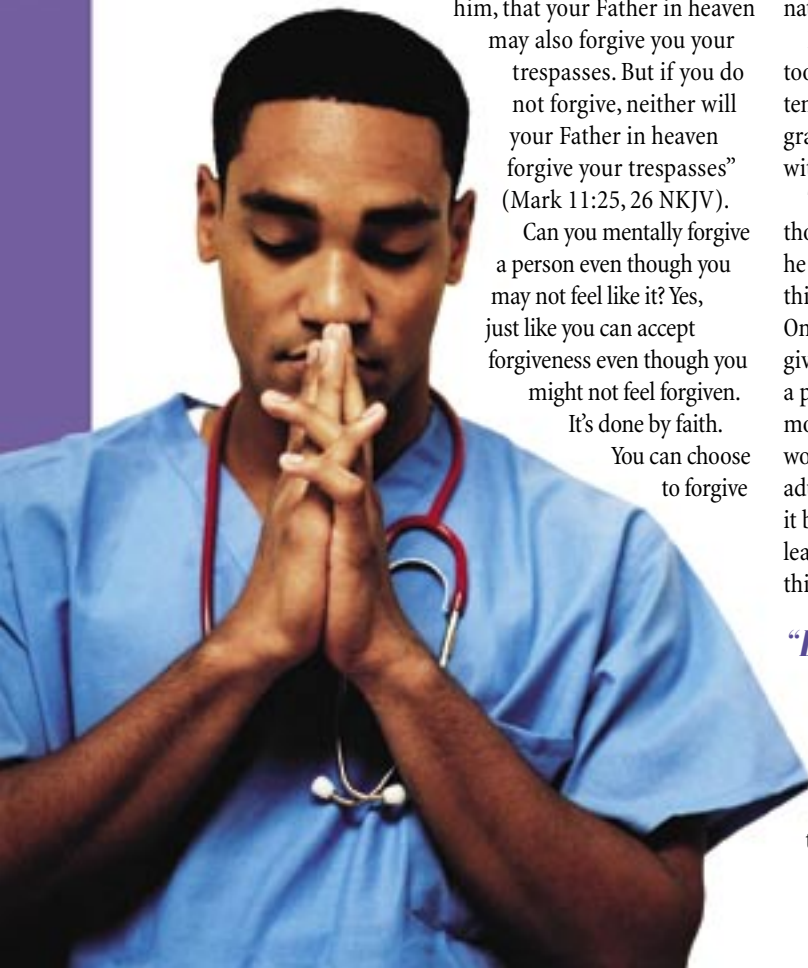
We're not pleading, "Lord, please don't tempt me." So what is this really saying? Well, because we are naturally prone to walk toward temptation, we're asking God to lead us away from it. Translated more precisely, the prayer would go more like this: "Lead us away from our natural bent to temptation."

Do we need to pray that prayer? You bet! We are prone to playing too close to the edge. One minister said that when the Lord says to flee temptation, we often crawl away hoping it catches up with us. It's like gravity inside our hearts, pulling us toward sin. So we have to plead with God to help us resist that force.

The devil likes it when we crawl, because it's easier to catch us with those little compromises. The convicted spy Aldrich Ames said that he didn't wake up one day and say, "I think I'm going to be a spy. I think I'm going to turn everything over to the Russians for money." One day, very innocuously, he met a Russian who asked, "Could you give me a phone directory? I'll give you a lot of money." It was just a phone directory, but then little by little, he gave them more and more until one day he sold them nuclear secrets. This is how the devil works with temptation—little compromises. King David committed adultery with Bathsheba, murdered Uriah, and lied to his people. And it began with a small, lingering, lustful look. We should pray, "Lord, lead me away from even the little things, because that's how the big things start."

### ***"But Deliver Us From Evil"***

I really like the seventh petition, which says, "but deliver us from evil." We live in a world drowning in the murky blackness of sin. The only thing that really gives Christians long-term hope is that God promises things aren't always going to be this way. We're looking for ultimate deliverance, and when we utter "deliver us," we're talking about Christ coming on the white steed—the King of kings





and the Lord of lords establishing His kingdom and wiping out every last vestige of evil reigning in the world today.

“Deliver us” takes us away from evil and separates us from it eternally. Another way to phrase it is, “deliver us from the evil one.” And we ought to be praying not only that God keeps us from temptation, but that He also delivers our brothers, because the devil is powerful and cunning, far greater than we are by ourselves. That’s why we so desperately need God to lead us.

In speaking of the second coming, Christ said, “Pray always” (Luke 21:36). I’m not sure how often that really means, but look at your own prayer life and see if it measures up. The full text reads, “Pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.” Are you praying always? Jesus also said that we ought to pray that our flight be not in the winter, neither on the Sabbath day (Matthew 24:20). Have you prayed that prayer? Every day, every hour, we should be praying to be delivered from evil so that we can escape what is about to happen in this world. Pray that we will be ultimately delivered and saved from evil within and around us. You can’t be saved from an evil world until you’re first saved from an evil heart.

### ***“For Thine Is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, for Ever.”***

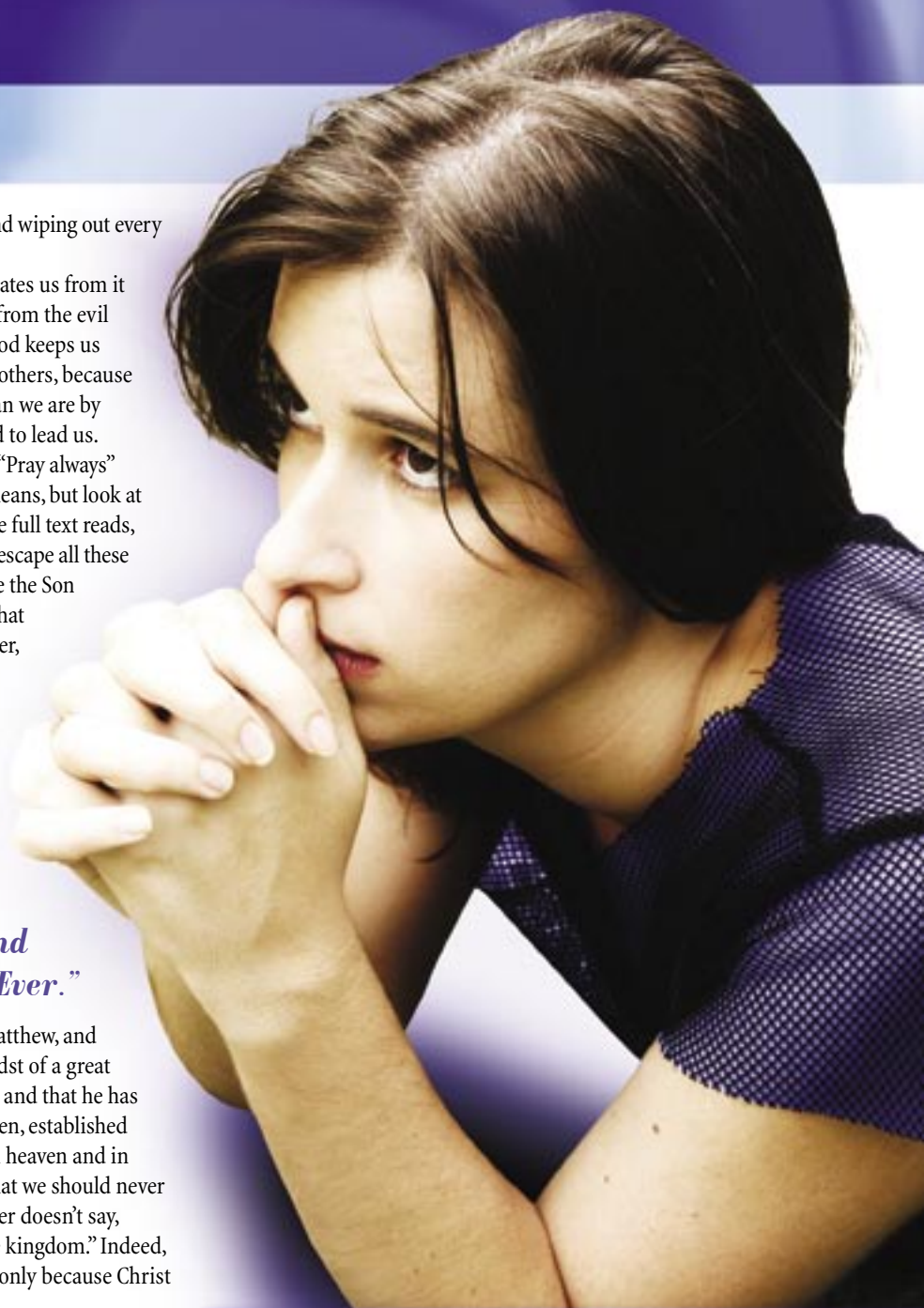
This powerful culmination is found only in Matthew, and what it speaks about is riveting. We are in the midst of a great controversy. The devil says he is the rightful king and that he has the power. Yet Christ, before He ascended to heaven, established His pre-eminence: “All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth” (Matthew 28:18). This prayer reinforces that we should never forget who is in charge of this universe. The prayer doesn’t say, “Thine will be the kingdom,” rather “Thine is the kingdom.” Indeed, all the petitions in the Lord’s Prayer are possible only because Christ is the power. He has control over all things now.

The devil lives for pride, to bring glory to himself. The Christian’s motive is to bring honor to God, to give Him the glory. That’s why Satan hungers to be a god, because he wants the glory he doesn’t deserve. The end of this prayer sets the record straight in our own minds and hearts, confessing before God that we know His character and goodness will be soon vindicated.

### ***“Amen”***

Jesus said, “In this manner pray.” It’s not so much His prayer, but our prayer. It’s the prayer of those who want to follow Him. That’s

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One of my favorite studies in the Bible is reading the great prayers of the Old Testament. I urge you to read them too. Read Hannah’s prayer in Samuel 2. Daniel’s prayer in Daniel 9 is also very special. You can also find Solomon’s moving dedication prayer in Chronicles. You’ll find that many of these prayers have elements of the Lord’s Prayer in them. They are about God’s glory, God’s provision, and God’s deliverance, and they’re really about how all of us as Christians are in this together, praying for one another.

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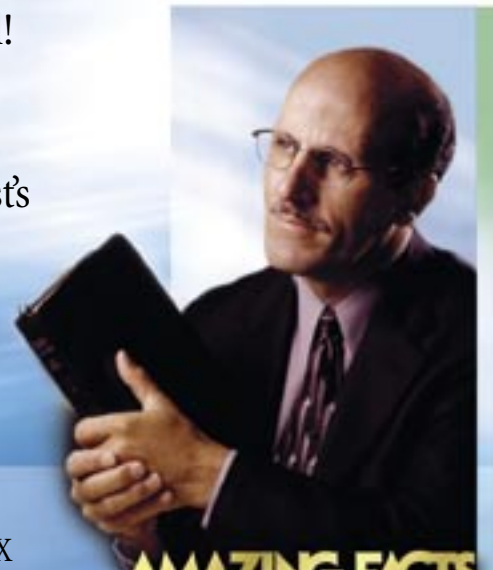
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The medical community continually encourages us to perform self-examinations for various lumps, pains, and other symptoms, especially when it comes to some forms of cancer. They insist that we perform these on a regular basis for our health. This “self-checkup” practice does indeed save lives, for instance, when certain cancers are detected in the early stages of growth.

The apostle Paul likewise counsels us to do checkups for cancer as well, but of the spiritual type. Notice his words in 2 Corinthians 13:5: “Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?”

While this text seems simple enough, the following paraphrase helps make it even clearer: “Test yourselves to make sure you are solid in the faith. Don’t drift along taking everything for granted. Give yourselves regular checkups. You need firsthand evidence, not mere hearsay, that Jesus Christ is in you. Test it out. If you fail the test, do something about it” (MSG).

I must confess, although I have used Paul’s text in sermons, I’ve never really offered my audience real information on how to find and identify potential “lumps” in the self-examination process. After all, you might feel just fine, but all the while, a cancer

could be growing within you. It could also have been growing for some time until it’s too late to do anything about it.

We need to be told how to do the poking around for our self-examinations! After all, aren’t we typically the last ones to know or admit we have a spiritual problem? Yet it’s a necessity to make the determination and to make it early! How do we know for sure that we are healthy Christians . . . or have spiritual cancer?

The perfect instructions for spiritual self-examination can be found in a great book called *Steps to Christ*. “Who has the heart? With whom are our thoughts? Of whom do we love to converse? Who has our warmest affections and our best energies? If we are Christ’s, our thoughts are with Him, and our sweetest thoughts are of Him. All we have and are is

consecrated to Him. We long to bear His image, breathe His spirit, do His will, and please Him in all things” (pg. 58).

Now I ask you: Isn’t that simple? Is there any wiggle-room in those words? Is there a

Christian alive who could ask him- or herself that question and not get a straight and honest answer? I don’t think so.

We are living during very troubled times in the world—and in the church. Daily, Satan is attempting to inflict God’s people with his cancer virus. Thus we need to perform our self-examination often and honestly. You and I were created for eternity, and we will be able to celebrate with the other risen saints if our spiritual problems are detected early and treated!

If we do discover a cancerous growth, we have an ancient but effective treatment available. If applied in time, it has a 100-percent success rate. The Physician in charge of this program is Jesus, who has never lost a patient who put his or her life in His wonderworking hands!

The treatment is something like radiation therapy. We must be radiated every day with the Word of God, continually bathing our souls in the sweet presence of the Holy Spirit. As we do these things, the cancerous growths in our lives will disappear. *In fact, I think we could call this treatment old-fashioned revival!*

In order for Christians around the country to self-examine their spiritual lives and receive the treatment they need, Pastor Doug and the Amazing Facts team invites you to participate with us in *'05 Revive!* This time for spiritual renewal will be based on praying, preaching, and singing. I guarantee it will be just what the Doctor ordered! We hope you’ll bring those people who haven’t been to see the Doctor in a long time, so they can experience healing and revival with His church. It’s time for all of us to go home! —

*'05 Revive!* will be broadcast to you live in partnership with 3ABN and will also be carried on ACN/HopeTV. If you’re in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, come join Pastor Doug in person at the Will Rogers Center in Fort Worth, Texas, November 4–12, 2005. Be sure to share the news with your church, friends, and family and ask them to join us for a time of spiritual revival.



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also why this prayer must be something that flows from a truly converted heart. It ought to be a definition of your spirit and attitude. One author put it this way:

“I cannot say ‘our’ if I live only for myself. I cannot say ‘Father’ if I do not endeavor each day to act like his child. I cannot say ‘who art in heaven’ if I’m laying up no treasures there. I cannot say ‘hallowed be thy name’ if I am not striving for holiness. I cannot say ‘thy kingdom come’ if I’m not seeking to hasten the blessed hope. I cannot say ‘thy will be done’ if I am disobedient. ... I cannot say ‘in earth as it is in heaven’ if I’ll not serve him here and now. I cannot say ‘give us this day our daily bread’ if I am selfishly hoarding for the future. I cannot say ‘forgive us our debts’ if I harbor a grudge against anyone. I cannot say ‘lead us not into temptation’ if I deliberately place myself in its path. I cannot say ‘deliver us from evil’ if I do not long for holiness. I cannot say ‘thine is the kingdom’ if I do not give Jesus the throne of my heart. I cannot attribute to him ‘the power’ if I fear what men may do. I cannot ascribe to him ‘the glory’ if I’m seeking for my own honor. I cannot say ‘forever’ if I’m living only for temporary earthly rewards.”



When we pray the Lord’s Prayer, it must be in a spirit of complete surrender. And if we’re going to be ready when Jesus comes, we need to learn to pray the way Jesus taught. The essence of prayer is bound up in loving God with all our hearts, for we cannot really love Him if we aren’t getting to know Him. If we’re not communicating our sorrows and our joys, even our most intimate secrets, how can we love Him?

I urge you to invest more time on your knees, but if you can’t be on your knees, I urge you to just pray. Recognize that it is essential to spend quality time with Christ in your personal and corporate prayers and devotions, so you can implement those changes in your life to glorify God. Take advantage of the “daily bread” of God’s Word, and communicate to God your desire to be transformed from selfish to selfless. Let’s pray for one another more than anything else. Let’s stand together and lift our voices to heaven so that we are more united in the brotherhood and sisterhood of Jesus.

Like the British soldier whose prayer set him free, we’re soon going to be reviewed by our Commander in heaven. We need to spend time in drill practice, preparing for the main event. We need to say, “Lord, teach us to pray.” He’s given us the pattern in His Word, so let’s be sure to abide in it. My hope is that you will never see this prayer the same way again. —

*“Let’s pray for  
one another  
more than  
anything else.”*

# BIBLE Answers

with Pastor Doug Batchelor



## Is the Antichrist here on earth now, or is his presence in the near future?

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Many people are surprised to learn that the word “Antichrist” doesn’t even appear in the book of Revelation, but the Antichrist is certainly a player in the last book of the Bible. Evidently, the Antichrist power is much more than one sinister individual, because the apostle John warned back in A.D.

90, “Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time” (1 John 2:18). If there were many antichrists working in his day, there certainly are still many antichrists roaming the earth now.

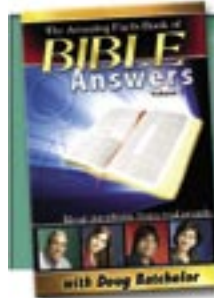
But what about the “main” Antichrist power found in Revelation 13: “And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies. ... And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name ... and them that dwell in heaven” (vs. 5, 6). Is this agent active in the world today? I strongly believe so. Revelation 17 speaks more about this beast power, and you can also read Daniel 7:25 and Daniel 8.

In fact, this beast power that seeks to exterminate God’s people has raised its head several times in history. In essence, this evil force has been fighting God’s people—but it is not just one man antagonizing the church. Antichrist means “opposed to Christ,” and there is an entire organization behind this powerful entity. Antichrist can also mean “in the place of Christ,” so this power will even declare itself as Christ on earth.

In the same way God took on the form of a man to teach us, Satan is also able to manifest himself through some human medium to advertise his values, using deceit to manipulate the masses. And worse, he will be very effective. “And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast” (Revelation 13:3). I think at the very end, he’s going to impersonate Christ or manifest himself some other way so that he can have a visible, charismatic spokesman on the earth who will be a great deceiver. Is that person alive today? Most likely.

### Tune in to *Bible Answers Live*,

Amazing Facts’ live, nationwide call-in radio program, and listen to Pastor Doug give biblical, straightforward answers to difficult Bible questions. To get times and stations in your area, or to listen to answers online, visit [www.amazingfacts.org](http://www.amazingfacts.org). You can also request a free program guide by phone or mail.



### Book of Bible Answers, Vol. 1

Get Pastor Doug’s candid, biblical answers to difficult Bible questions, straight from his popular *Bible Answers Live* radio program. It’s one of our most requested books of all time—find out why today! BK-BOBA ... \$10.99

See ordering info on page 20.

## How far should a Christian go to forgive someone who continues to create problems despite efforts of sincere reconciliation?

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Whatever happens, you should forgive no matter how a person responds to your peacemaking efforts. Always keep in mind that while we were offending Him, Christ provided forgiveness for us. “But God commendeth

his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8). Jesus didn’t wait until we were receptive or responsive; He took a step toward us. Jesus says, “Love your enemies” (Luke 6:35 NKJV). And when He died on the cross, He said, “Father forgive them.” He meant this for the people who were still driving the nails, and He means it for us when we continue to go astray.

Your choice to forgive is based on the knowledge that whoever is being cruel or unkind, they’ve got this nasty disease called sin and they’re acting the way they’re expected to act—selfishly. They don’t see that you’re trying to forgive and be kind, because they can’t. You want the relationship to get better, but they’re not appreciating your efforts to forgive them.

Keep in mind, you must forgive for your own spiritual health whether they accept it or not. The plant of God’s grace will not bear fruit in the soil of bitterness. Also remember, forgiving someone does not mean you must continue to expose yourself to their abuse or even to associate with them any longer.

Practice good judgment, and continue hoping and praying that you will overcome evil with good. Paul says, “If thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head” (Romans 12:20). Treat your enemy with dignity and respect, and it might change their heart.

There is also a place for accountability. If your neighbor keeps breaking or losing your tools, forgive him, but you also might kindly tell him he needs to buy his own tools. Now, if they want to be confrontational, be as nice as you can, but I would avoid them if every time you get together it just causes an argument. Sometimes, sadly, that’s the best you can do.

# X Witnessing Corner

## Final Events Circling the Globe

The United Kingdom is an extremely difficult mission field, and our brothers and sisters there must work diligently to spread the gospel of truth. That's why we have been so encouraged to learn how Final Events is being used there to forward the work of Christ.

The following article by Manjit Biant was originally published in an Advent Truth ministry newsletter. It has been edited for an American English audience.

## Candle in the Wind

We are living in dark days. The story *Candle in the Wind* depicts the life of William Carey. A missionary, he suffered on all accounts, yet after seven years of hard labor he began to bear fruit in the lives of India's people. Likewise, the work in the United Kingdom (UK) is hard and dark, and church growth here is slow—nothing like the major church growth we see coming from the Sabbathkeeping communities in Africa and the Caribbean.

My wife Emma and I have felt for a long time that something must be done to bring light and truth into this land once shining of glory and light, where the birth of the English Bible took place. England, once the bulwark of Protestantism, has now sadly become dark and shrouded in a spiritual stupor, where everyone slumbers on.

So when we saw the *Final Events of Bible Prophecy* DVD by Amazing Facts, we knew that this could and would be a tool to enlighten the UK. We embarked on an ambitious project working with Amazing Facts to get 30,000 PAL copies produced and distributed in England and throughout Europe.

A new website was developed, [www.finalevents.co.uk](http://www.finalevents.co.uk). Already the traffic has been excellent, with orders coming in and requests for Bible studies. The Lord also impressed me one day to advertise the DVDs on Ebay. With help from a friend, we set up the sale and now get about 6 DVD orders a week!

## Christian Resource Exhibition

Every year, there is a major Christian resources exhibition that takes place over four days in the south of England. We enquired about a stand, and there were some still available, but we delayed on a decision due to time and expense, as it can cost up to £1,500 [about \$2,750] for a stand.

After we had declined to do the exhibition, however, the organizers called us the next day saying a prime spot had come up as an exhibitor had pulled out; they split the stand and offered us a smaller space that cost only a fraction of the price. We saw this as a providential opening from God to proceed and accepted. The total cost was only £580 [\$1,050].

By the grace of God, a pallet of 3,000 *Final Events* DVDs and 20,000 colored leaflets both arrived the day we set up the stand. God's timing knows no haste and no delay!

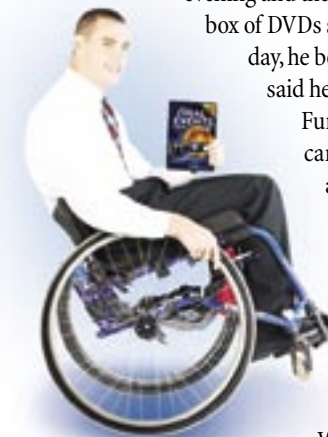


In all, 1,500 DVDs went out during the week of the show. . . . The experience was amazing, though we were tired each day; with painful feet and shoulders, we managed to give out some 5,000 leaflets to Christians from all denominations and even a Muslim that came.

A non-Sabbathkeeping evangelist bought the DVD; he watched it that evening and then the next day he returned to buy a

box of DVDs saying how great it was. On the final day, he bought 150 to use for evangelism and said he would get more when they run out!

Furthermore, 12 people in wheelchairs came by at different times, and we arranged special deals with them whereby we would give them a free DVD if they would display it, by holding it in their laps, so that everyone could see as they traveled round the exhibition. As a result, we got fantastic exposure and advertising.



We even had chats with church leaders from various doctrinal backgrounds

asking us questions about our church. One man disagreed with our theology but ended up buying the DVD as he was fascinated with the graphics! We projected *Final Events* on screen for the duration of the show, which caught people's attention. One man stood and watched it for about 20 minutes and ended up not buying it, so we gave him one free—which he gratefully accepted. Another questioned the truthfulness of our doctrines, and we simply stated that the DVD was full of Bible truth and the man ended up buying it! There was a young student and an older lady both very interested in the material, but did not have DVD players, so we offered to send them a book instead. They have now both been sent a *Great Controversy*.

## A Plug on TV

One Christian station came by, and when we mentioned that Doug Batchelor had been seen on their station, they interviewed us and we got a 30-second plug for the DVD on their show. We also discussed doing a promotion where they will offer a free DVD if viewers phone or write in; they estimate we would have to donate up to 3,000 DVDs. We are still in talks, and they may also be keen to broadcast the *Final Events* as well. Another station made the same offer too, and Amazing Facts at great expense is preparing a format for broadcast here in the UK. And another England broadcaster also wants to broadcast and they picked up a box of DVDs.

A new Christian publishing magazine is also going to do a review of the DVD, and we have taken a full-page color advertisement with them, with a print run of 50,000, going to all the major Pentecostal churches in the UK.

A major evangelical group approached us about advertising in their magazine, with a print run of 38,000. They even offered us a discount as they needed to fill up the last bit of advertising space. The advertising manager had to view the DVD first and watched it that night. The next day he said it was excellent, but disagreed with two doctrinal points. However, he shared how his daughter, who no longer attends church, watched it with him, and it caused her to rethink her life and now she is looking to go back to church. Praise the Lord! Because of this, he softened toward the DVD, and now the advertisement will come out in July!

Christians from many different churches bought the DVDs. And a youth pastor for the South of England bought 125 to distribute to all the youth leaders in his conference. As a result, we shipped 400 to be given out at a secular exhibition in Cornwall on the south coast of England. At the end of the show, we were completely exhausted, but the Lord truly blessed us and our efforts! As a result, doors have opened beyond what we expected and we are now going to an Edinburgh exhibition in October to get the DVDs into Scotland!

Orders are continuing to come in through the handbills we gave out, and we just give thanks to the Lord for this. Although we had the smallest stand at the exhibition, we certainly had the largest bark.

## Sharing the DVD

We would really like to encourage you to purchase the DVDs and share them far and wide, and continue to pray for Amazing Facts as they push hard at the frontiers of evangelism.

As we continue to share *Final Events* as we travel around the UK, we are finding that people are encouraged. One sister, after watching the DVD, told us that it was so good she has decided to set up DVD nights where she can invite her friends, neighbors, and others to come and watch the DVD and be encouraged in the faith.

We received an order from United Arab Emirates; unfortunately, we sent the package with "Religious material" written on the customs declaration and the DVDs got confiscated. We truly



underestimate the freedoms that we have currently—how long they will last we know not, so let us work while there is still time.

*Amazing Facts wants to hear more stories about how Final Events is changing lives in your community and outreach efforts. With more than 500,000 copies distributed since its release, we know God is using it to reach thousands with last-day truth. Please write editor@amazingfacts.org with your Final Events and other witnessing stories and ideas today!*

## More Great Final Events Stories

One mother writes: "I just want to give a very big thank you to the God who inspired the people who put together *Final Events*. My kids have watched it all week. Even I feel better about the last days than I did before. But my seven-year-old daughter, who previously has said she hoped it all would happen after her lifetime, came to me today and said she wanted to learn how to really love Jesus in her heart. She said she knows about obeying as a sign of love, but she wants to know how to get that love in your heart so you can really want to obey and not just do it because it's what you are supposed to do."

A 12-year-old boy from a Sundaykeeping church called Amazing Facts after he had somehow gotten a hold of the *Final Events* DVD. He commented about how much he enjoyed the *Final Events* DVD and that it used a lot of Bible texts. He said that during a recent sermon at his church, he had noticed that the minister kept saying "The Bible said this and the Bible said that," but he never actually quoted the Scriptures. The fact that *Final Events* uses so many Scripture to back its teaching really impressed him. He later spoke with a staff member for an hour about the Bible and asked for more resources!

And finally, here's a great accidental witnessing effort! Dave was having lunch at a Chinese restaurant with a friend. He asked his friend if he had seen *Final Events*. When his friend said no, he opened his laptop and started playing the DVD right there in the restaurant! A little later, a man from a nearby table approached. "I don't mean to interrupt your meal, but I couldn't help but notice the DVD you're watching. It looks very interesting. Do you know where I can get a copy?" Dave went out to his car, picked up a copy in his trunk, and sold it to the man. It's restaurant evangelism at its best! ■





# Ministry Spotlight

## Radio & Television



**F**rom the very beginning, God's powerful hand has been evident in the Amazing Facts television and radio ministries. In just a few weeks after the very first radio broadcast in 1966, a new soul had been won to Jesus, and today, thousands continue to respond to the ministry's Christ-centered, biblically sound programming every month.

This broadcast tradition of excellence continues today with *Bible Answers Live*, a live, one-hour call-in show that airs every Sunday night. Debuting on just a handful stations in 1995, it can now be heard on more than 220 broadcast outlets nationwide and over the internet. Every week with co-host Pastor Dick Devitt, Pastor Doug gives callers straight biblical answers to the most challenging Bible questions. Other programs broadcast on radio nationally are *A New Revelation*, *The Everlasting Gospel*, *Central Study Hour*, and *Millennium of Prophecy*.

Moreover, most programs can be heard worldwide through satellite partnerships with 3ABN, LifeTalk, and Radio-74; and in 14 countries, such as Australia, Bermuda, France, Guam, Singapore, South Africa, Switzerland, seekers can hear our programs on standard AM/FM radio.

In the 1980s, the ministry ventured into television for the first time with Joe Crews' Revelation seminar, enabling Amazing Facts to reach more people in their own homes. Today, soul-winning telecasts can now be seen across North America on ABC Family, BET, INSP, and Vision TV, and approximately 50 local stations air such programs as *A New Revelation*, *Millennium of Prophecy*, *The Everlasting Gospel*, and *Central Study Hour*.

Amazing Facts can also be seen in countries like Israel, India, and Russia; and through MiracleNet, METV, CNL, Tiempo, and other satellite partnerships, most programs are broadcast throughout all of Europe, South America, Asia, and Africa. In addition, such popular shows as *Central Study Hour*, an insightful and eye-opening Bible study hosted by Doug Batchelor at Sacramento Central Church, can be watched online at our website.

Moreover, Amazing Facts is always looking into new areas to share God's Word. Cheridah Walters, media manager, and Karen Suvankham and Michelle Kiss are working hard to find new areas to proclaim Christ, along with scores of volunteers who tape and prepare broadcasts every week.

*Want to know an amazing fact?* More than 50 radio and television broadcasts are made possible by the sacrificial giving of dedicated sponsors. (See on the next page how you can add to this number!) In addition, 132 stations air our programs free of charge, including public access and lower power stations springing up across the country. (For a guide to all our broadcast stations and time, call us at 916-434-3880 or go online at [www.amazingfacts.org](http://www.amazingfacts.org).)

Along with the consistent support of our friends everywhere, Amazing Facts will continue to strive to bring scriptural programs into the homes of seekers everywhere. By saturating the airwaves with God's end-time message, we can reach those who might never step foot in a church and enable others to share God's message of hope to thousands more.

### Amazing Facts in now broadcasting on these new stations around the world!

#### Sponsored Stations

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| WWIS                 | 99.7 FM  | Black River Falls, WI                          |
| WMEQ                 | 880 AM   | Menomonie, WI                                  |
| WKDI                 | 840 AM   | Denton, MD                                     |
| WAAI                 | 100.9 FM | Cambridge, MD                                  |
| WWAG                 | 107.9 FM | McKee, KY                                      |
| CFMQ                 | 98.1 FM  | Hudson Bay, Saskatchewan, Canada               |
| Bumma Bipperra Media | 98.7 FM  | Cairnes & the Tableland, Queensland, Australia |

#### Independent Gratis Stations

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| WWMA | 107.9 FM | Avon Park, FL |
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#### New 3ABN Affiliates

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| WWFC | 99.9 FM  | Bryant, AL     |
| WJSD | 94.5 FM  | Henagar, AL    |
| WKOC | 103.1 FM | Higdon, AL     |
| WRMH | 98.9 FM  | Franklin, GA   |
| KRQC | 107.9 FM | Riverdale, IA  |
| KRFL | 97.5 FM  | Fulton, MO     |
| KHLM | 100.7 FM | St. Joseph, MO |
| KANB | 102.3 FM | Kalispell, MT  |
| KCMG | 100.1 FM | Hobbs, NM      |
| WHGW | 100.3 FM | Morganton, NC  |
| WSPE | 93.1 FM  | Spencer, TN    |
| WLMM | 103.9 FM | Channahon, IL  |
| KAVS | 93.9 FM  | Fallon, NV     |
| WDRX | 100.7 FM | Cortland, NY   |

#### Radio 74 Affiliates (Gratis)

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| WAPQ | 95.9 FM  | Avon Park, FL |
| KJNN | 94.7 FM  | Holbrook, AZ  |
| KHFG | 101.9 FM | Helena, MT    |
| KWMI | 104.1 FM | Weimar, CA    |

#### LifeTalk Affiliates (Gratis)

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| WGGR | 95.3 FM  | Carrollton, GA |
| WYSG | 96.3 FM  | Hinckley, MN   |
| KMAB | 99.3 FM  | Madras, OR     |
| WUSG | 88.7 FM  | Cambridge, MN  |
| KFYL | 94.3 FM  | La Grande, OR  |
| WKPJ | 104.5 FM | Athens, TN     |
| KJHV | 96.3 FM  | Kileen, TX     |
| KGLS | 99.1 FM  | Tillamook, OR  |



# Share the Good News!

You can own a television broadcast  
and evangelize to thousands!



With many dedicated sponsors, Amazing Facts programs are being broadcast on more than 50 public access cable stations across the United States—from Los Angeles to Honolulu to as far as Bermuda.

Now you too can be a sponsor by partnering with us and own your very own broadcast! It's an amazing way to share Bible truth to a lot of people at one time. And because there are more than 19,000 U.S. cities that need the gospel, you can claim your piece of the evangelism pie easily.

## The Choice Is Yours

Some of our soul-winning programs available for public access are *The Everlasting Gospel*, *Central Study Hour*, *A New Revelation* (both English and Spanish), and *The Millennium of Prophecy*, which is closed-captioned and available in Russian, Hindi, Portuguese, and subtitled in Arabic.

And this fall, Amazing Facts will launch *The Prophecy Code*, the phenomenal NET series that teaches Bible prophecy in a simple, visually stunning way that will speak to just about anyone who watches. It is being reformatted into two programs of 28 minutes and 30 seconds each (the standard length of a 30-minute time slot for public access cable). It will also be closed-captioned.

## The How-To

At Amazing Facts, "God's Message Is Our Mission," so why not join in our mission and partner with us today? Here are the easy steps to getting Amazing Facts programs on public access cable, free of charge!

**1** Contact your local cable provider to find out if they provide public access channels and whether or not they will broadcast independently produced programs. (Most independently produced programs are acceptable if they provide a service to the community, which religious instruction does.)

Remember that you must be a local resident to use public access channels, and the service is typically free.

**2** You may be required to go through a tutorial before broadcasting our programs. This is good, standard practice that the cable operator typically provides. (If not, they will refer you to the right people.)

**3** The next step is signing up for airtime, which is usually scheduled on a first-come-first-served basis.

The best times to air are when you know that people will be at home watching television. Showing at dinnertime is probably not the greatest time slot, but early evening from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. and mornings from 9 to 10 A.M. are the very best.

**4**

A very important step is getting Amazing Facts videotapes/DVDs to you. It's unlikely that VHS copies you may have made of our programs will work well for broadcast, because of the quality.

However, if you send Amazing Facts a copy of your contract with the local cable company, we will send you a box of 20 tapes or DVDs! Most of our sponsors air one program a week, meaning 20 weeks of Christ-centered content. We suggest that after 15 weeks of broadcasts, return your used tapes or DVDs to us—we'll then replace them with 15 new tapes or DVDs! We'll continue to do this as long as you return your used programs.

Our program videos adhere to most cable operators' policies. They are commercial-free, VHS or DVD format that last 58 minutes and 30 seconds—the standard length for a one-hour time slot—or 28 minutes and 30 seconds for a 30-minute slot. Tapes/DVDs with bars and tone at the beginning are available on request.

**5**

The final step is to advertise the program in your area. Let people in your church or study group know that you are showing Amazing Facts programs on your local cable network. Give them reasons why they should watch and have them tell their friends and family.

Word of mouth really works the best, so if you take every opportunity to promote the programs, your potential impact for the Lord is practically guaranteed.

Though this may cost a bit extra, you might also consider placing ads in your community newspaper or put up signs and hand out flyers where you are permitted.

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Pray! The Lord wants you to share His great news, but He wants you to do it for His glory. We suggest praying for each broadcast, asking the Lord to send His Holy Spirit to influence those who need to hear His message.

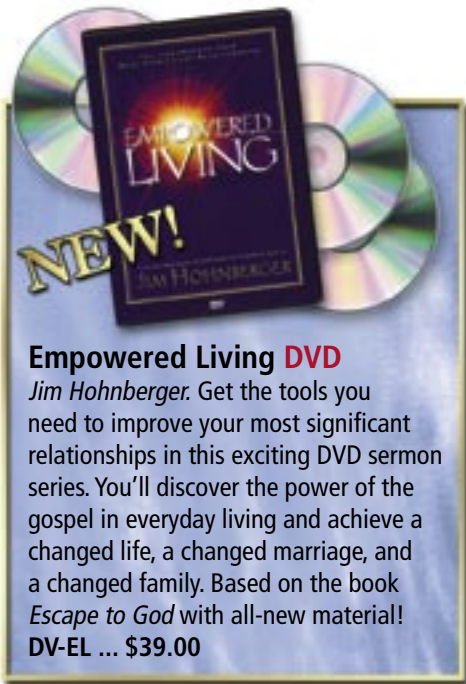
## Need More Help?

Please call the Amazing Facts media department at 916-434-3880, ext. 3042, and we'll do our best to answer all your questions.

Remember that this service is of no cost to you ... except your time. But that's a small price to pay when you think of all the souls that could be touched and brought to Jesus.

If we have enough sponsors who are willing to help us keep these programs on the air, we can blanket the nation with a gospel message that brings hope to all. Just think of it this way: TEAM, Together Everyone Achieves Miracles!

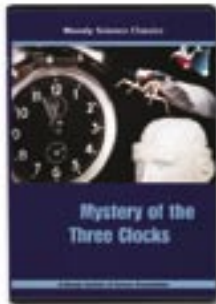
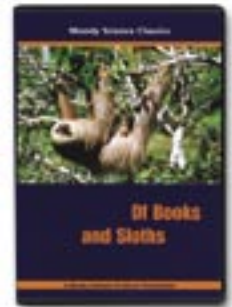
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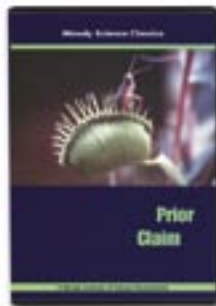
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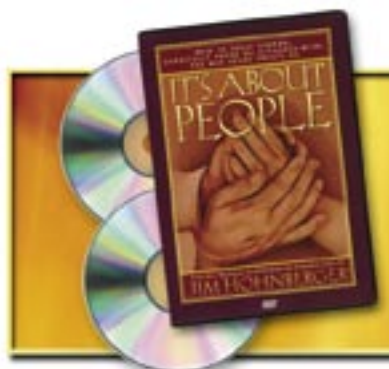
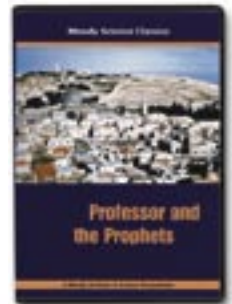


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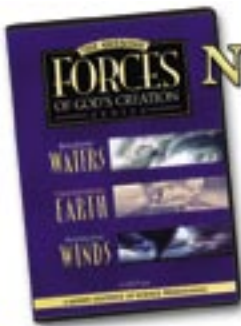
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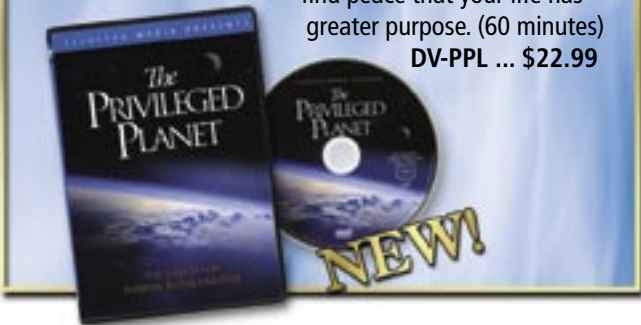
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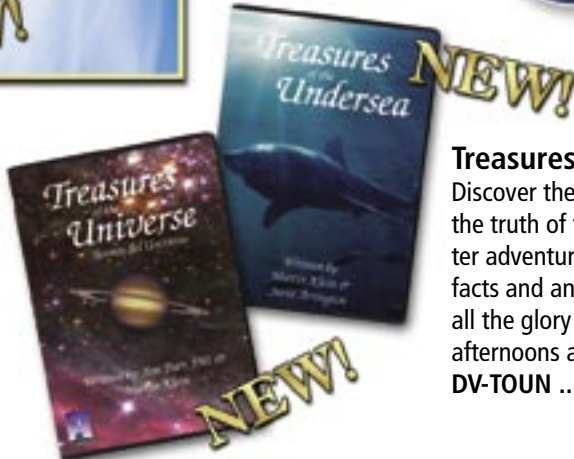
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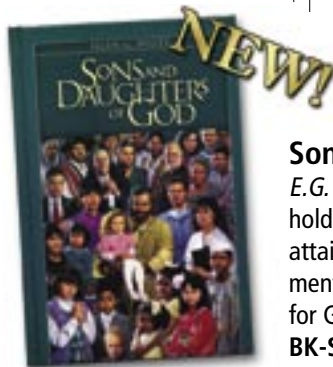
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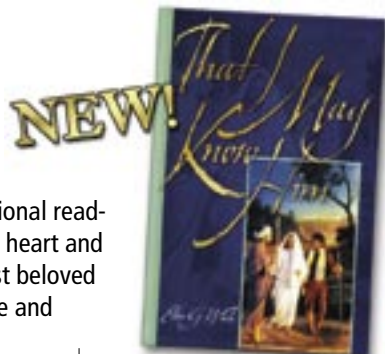
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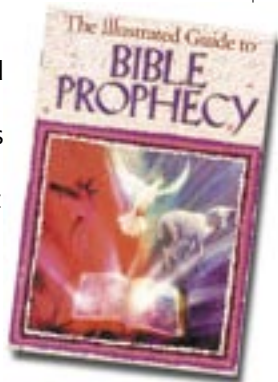
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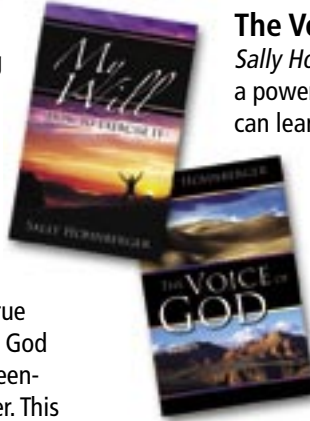
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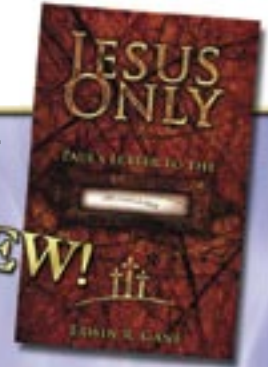
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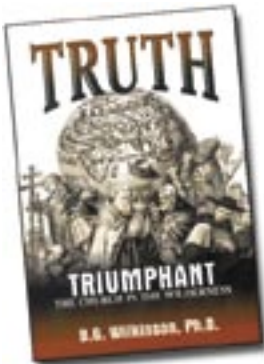
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# Behind the SCENES

## Bible School Fills Position



Amazing Facts welcomed Jeanne Hart to the Correspondence Bible School in April, where her duties include opening and sorting mail, data entry, and more in the always busy Bible School.

Before coming to Amazing Facts, Jeanne worked at a local medical establishment in their billing department. She heard about the ministry when she caught Pastor Doug on a local television station. She began attending Sacramento Central and was soon baptized by Pastor Doug.

She was married for 28 years to a wonderful man who passed away in 2002, and together they had five children. Her favorite activities are reading, watching gospel videos, and walking with friends. Says Jeanne, "I wanted to come to work at Amazing Facts so I could help spread the gospel of our Savior. What better place to work when you want to serve the Lord?"

## AFCOE Changes Name to AFCOE

No, that's not a misprint ... Amazing Facts is changing the name from College of Evangelism to Center of Evangelism! Along with the four-month training course in evangelism, now called the School

of Evangelism, a new church training program offers exciting resources and support for local churches of all sizes engaging in outreach. Thus,

the new name helps encompass all the services that AFCOE offers in evangelism training.

The new church program is called *The Empowered Church*, which includes a week-long intensive for church pastors and leadership that covers church regeneration, discipleship, and evangelism. Each church will also receive a personalized assessment and two-year strategy for becoming a growing



church. Churches can also enhance their program by investing in several options, including a two-year coaching plan, Bible worker, an Amazing Facts Bible seminar, and more. *The Empowered Church* offers three levels of involvement so that every church, large or small, can participate and dramatically improve the results of its local outreach.

In addition, Amazing Facts is partnering with Global Evangelism to provide training for conference-wide evangelism "boot-camps" that will help churches and speakers prepare for evangelistic meetings. We ask that you continue to pray for and support AFCOE, its staff, and students as its mission to hasten the return of Christ continues to grow.

For more details on the all-new Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism, see the next issue of *Inside Report* in September! You can also see the ad on the back page!

## Phoungoun Souvannaphoungoun Joins Team

New customer service specialist Phoungoun Souvannaphoungoun joined Amazing Facts in its publishing department in March. His responsibilities include answering incoming phone calls, processing orders, including the internet.

While his parents are originally from Laos, Phoungoun was born in the Ubon Refugee Camp in Thailand and immigrated to America when he was four years old. A former missionary who had worked in his refugee camp introduced him and his family to Christ, and Phoungoun was baptized in 1993.

Before arriving at Amazing Facts, he attended college part-time and worked in managed care. He's happy to be at a ministry that focuses on the publishing work and where he can also grow in Christ. "Like the pioneers did with their periodicals, I want to be a part of the publishing work because people are reached effectively through literature."

While not working, Phoungoun enjoys reading, playing tennis, and playing the piano.



## Bible School Update

The Bible School continues to be a powerhouse soul-winner for God's kingdom through the ministry of Amazing Facts. More than 90,000 students are enrolled in all of our available courses as of May 2005. Of these, 20 percent are inmates learning about the love of Christ and how to live in God's will!

The mail-based course alone is serving nearly 40,000 Bible students! In addition, our hardworking volunteers and staff have graded an amazing 47,360 lessons and have mailed 87,434 studies to truth-seekers so far this year!

More than 292 students have graduated since January, and many of those have gone on to be baptized into God's family. In addition, our correspondence team has answered well over 1,700 letters, ranging from questions on doctrine to simple spiritual encouragement and support.

Of course, Amazing Facts has many to thank for the Bible School's success. Our volunteers contributed more than 400 hours of sacrificial service, and we also extend a very warm "thank you" to all our friends who give to the ministry for this effort. Because of our combined efforts, and God's Holy Spirit, we'll see many more of His children in heaven!

# PRACTICAL PRAYER

BY DOUG BATCHELOR

**AN AMAZING FACT:** *President Lyndon Johnson was having dinner with a former Texas minister by the name of Bill Moyers, who sat on his cabinet as an advisor. A deeply religious man, Moyers bowed his head and began to bless the meal. The President was a little hard of hearing and with his rough Texan spirit said, "Speak up, Bill! Speak up!" Moyers calmly replied, "I wasn't addressing you, Mr. President."*

**D**o you ever get intimidated in a prayer circle when your turn is near? It used to happen to me while I was on the church platform, because I knew others were about to hear me speak to God. Often when church members pray during the service, I can hear their voices trembling because they're so afraid to pray in front of others, worried about what they should say.

Yet there's no reason to be afraid, and thankfully, the Bible doesn't leave us second-guessing about what a healthy prayer life should look and sound like. I hope these helpful tips from my own studies will enable you to pray more effectively and give you confidence to approach God as often as He calls you to Himself.

## #1. PRAY WITH YOUR HEART

Matthew 6:9 records Jesus saying, "In this manner, pray." This is a pattern for the perfect prayer, and it's a prayer we might find ourselves relying on often. So it may seem a little strange to hear Him also say, "Do not pray in vain repetition as the heathen do." (It's a little ironic that the Lord's Prayer is probably the most common Christian prayer spoken in vain repetition.)

However, Jesus did not intend for us to mechanically echo that or any other prayer over and over again. Certain religious people swing a prayer wheel round and round, believing that every time it goes around, another prayer is sent heavenward. If that were effective, I imagine we could simply record our prayers on tape and just play them back from time to time. Obviously, there's something wrong with that.

In that same place in Matthew, Jesus assures, "Your heavenly Father knows what you need before you ask" (v. 8). So the idea is

not to petition God in order to "earn points," and it isn't to inform or remind Him of something we want or need over and over again. He already knows our hearts, better than we do.

By the same token, it's not wrong to say a prayer more than once. If you have a burden, express it confidently to God. Is it wrong to pray every day for the salvation of a child living in sinful separation from God? Not at all. That's not praying in vain repetition. Indeed, the Lord's Prayer itself teaches us to pray daily for certain important things.

Jesus was warning specifically against praying as the heathen, systematically repeating a prayer in ritual—like a prayer wheel. That isn't praying; it's merely reciting from memory. Such a prayer life is an insult to God; He isn't deaf. How often would you want to talk to a friend if they always said the exact same thing? Real prayer isn't manufactured; it's the cry of your heart to God.

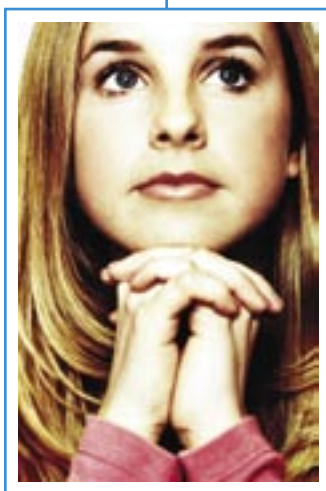
Often in a repetitious prayer, you forget what you're saying. You don't even think about it; you might even think of other things while you're praying! A prayer from your heart will not let you do that. We also have a tendency to utter the same few favorite phrases. When we do this, our hearts are not turned toward God, and prayer becomes a matter of duty, rather than a time to meet with Jesus. So try to be creative and original, and don't forget to ask God to help you to pray. Make your prayer time a two-way conversation—talk with God, not just at Him.

## #2. RESTRAIN YOUR PUBLIC PRAYERS

It's not wrong to pray in public. Jesus did, and as believers, we are instructed to pray together when we assemble. The goal is to understand why He's warning about public prayer. He says, "And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are:

for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward" (Matthew 6:5). Here the warning is clear: It's very wrong to pray for the purpose of being heard by others.

Christ said, "When you pray, enter into your closet and shut the



## HE ALREADY KNOWS OUR HEARTS, BETTER THAN WE DO.

door.” The most important prayer is a personal, intimate, one-on-one conversation with God. Honestly, I get a little aggravated when I hear someone praying in an attempt to impress me or a group of people, rather than seek genuine communion with God. I think it bothers God too.

Parents are guilty of this sometimes when they pray in the presence of their children, saying things like, “Dear Lord, thank you so much that you’re teaching Johnny not to steal so he won’t go to jail and eat bread and water.” That’s not talking to God; it’s talking to the child. It’s not a real prayer. Talk to God when you pray, not to your neighbor.

### #3. KEEP YOUR PUBLIC PRAYERS SHORT

Jesus doesn’t like hypocrisy. He says, “Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows’ houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation” (Matthew 23:14). That’s why one of the simplest principles of prayer is keeping them short.

When Jesus said, “In this manner pray,” He followed those words with a public prayer. And it was a very short prayer—probably no more than 30 seconds. Ecclesiastes says, “When you go into the house of God ... let your words be few.” And Proverbs counsels, “In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, But he who restrains his lips is wise” (NKJV). I think long prayers not only weary those listening in the room, but also those listening in heaven. Public prayer should be short, but at the same time, be sure to ask God what you need to ask Him. Cover all that is necessary, but save lengthy details for private prayer.

### #4. GO AHEAD AND PRAY OUT LOUD

When Christ said we should pray privately, He wasn’t necessarily saying that we should pray silently. Some people suggest that the devil is always listening to us, hearing our prayers and trying to use them against us, and that since God alone can read thoughts, we should pray in our own minds. After all, who wants the devil to know what they’re praying about?

But I think this is a wrong approach. Scripture tells us that the devil trembles when we pray. There isn’t anything in our prayer life that we

should be hiding. The devil doesn’t get an advantage over you when he hears you pray. Besides, chances are, his hold over you is exactly what you’re praying about.

However, when you pray for victory over sin in earshot of the devil, you allow God to show His glory so that all of heaven might witness

it. God wants to answer your prayers, so don’t be afraid to pray aloud even in private. If your children or spouse happen to hear you praying for them ... good. I think this is healthy, both for you and them.

Of course, praying in your own heart is perfectly biblical, as Nehemiah and others prayed in their own hearts. If you’re going to pray out loud, keep in mind that others may be joining you, so be articulate so that they know when to say amen to what you’re saying. Read 1 Corinthians 14 carefully to expand on this principle.

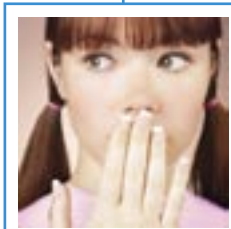
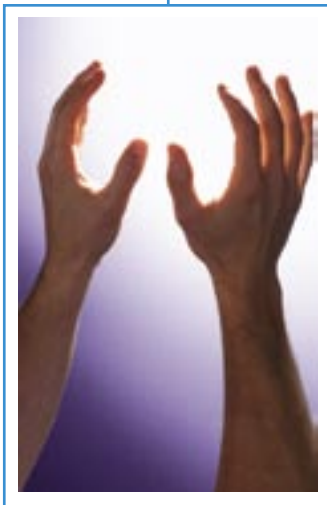
### #5. HAVE HANDS OF PRAYER

Praying doesn’t mean always being on your knees, hands folded, and eyes closed every single moment. Posture is very important, so don’t get me wrong, but what matters more—what’s in your heart or how far you can bend your body? I don’t know of a single Scripture that actually requires being on our knees, folding our hands, and closing our eyes every time we pray.

David and Solomon lifted their hands in prayer, and the Bible says we should lift up holy hands unto the Lord. Of course, we shouldn’t do this to be a spectacle; do it to praise God, not to make a statement to those around you. In fact, if your actions are distracting to others, keep your hands down. Don’t be a stumbling block to your neighbor. You can pray effectively whether your hands are up or down.

### #6. KNEEL WHILE PRAYING

While kneeling every time we pray isn’t required, it is true that we need to kneel more when we pray. When we come before the Almighty, we should humble ourselves. In the animal kingdom, body posture plays a big role in establishing dominance. Dogs will roll over on their backs to express submission, showing their recognition of the “alpha dog.” It’s the same with human communication—our physical posture says much about our attitude toward the one to whom we’re speaking. What does it tell you when





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someone folds their arms, leans away, and won't look at you?

I think it's the same with God. What does it say to Him when a person kneels? When a person bows before another person, it represents humility. How much more humble should we be before the Lord? Since we're already rebels and against God in our carnal nature, it's very appropriate for us to kneel when we pray. It reminds us who we are and who He is.

Still, this isn't always possible, and God understands, so don't become pharisaical about kneeling in prayer. If everyone else is standing or sitting for public prayer, don't kneel to make a statement. However, I want to stress, that when we come before the Lord with our heartfelt supplications, it's important to humble yourself before Him as much as possible. Remember though, this begins in the heart, not the body.

### #7. PRAY FOR THOSE PRAYING

When someone is praying out loud, you're joining with them in their prayer. If you sense someone is worried about their turn at prayer, or there is someone who's known for awkward or inappropriate prayers, you can pray for them while they pray.

In fact, during prayer sessions, I often pray that God will help the person who's praying to pray effectively. I pray for them because I know that it can be intimidating when other people are listening to you personally address the Lord. Still, be careful not to fall into the rut of thinking more about the people who are praying than the One to whom they're speaking.

### #8. JUST PRAY

Some things are said so well by others, there's nothing I can do but quote them. *“The darkness of the evil one encloses those who neglect to pray. The whispered temptations of the enemy entice them to sin and it's all because they do not make use of the privileges that God has given them in the divine appointment of prayer. Why should the sons and daughters of God be reluctant to pray when prayer is the key in the hands of faith to unlock heaven's storehouse where are treasured the boundless resources of omnipotence? Without unceasing prayer and diligent watching we are in danger of growing careless and deviating from the right path. The adversary seeks continually to obstruct the way to the Mercy Seat that we*

*may not be in earnest supplication and in faith obtain grace and power to resist temptation”* (Steps to Christ, pg. 94).

If you're a Christian and you're not praying, you have a big problem. One of the devil's missions is doing everything in his power to keep you from praying. He wants to get you so busy,

sometimes even doing Christian things, that you forget about Christ. That's happened to me. Sometimes I get so preoccupied with various projects that I forget my personal communion with the Lord.

Jesus said, “You receive not because you ask [not].” That means that when we take time to pray, God will answer our prayers. And the more He answers, the more you pray ... and the more He answers ... the more you want to pray. Try this out and trust that God will prove Himself. Right now, too many Christians are neglecting to pray. So even if you're still unsure about how to pray, ask God to help you, and He will.



### #9. PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

You also have a problem if you're praying like a sailor on a ship: You don't man the pumps until the boat is leaking. That is to say, your prayers begin only when you're in a dilemma. That's not Christian prayer. Christian prayer is a perpetual state of seeking after God.

The prophet Daniel prayed three times a day—morning, noon, and evening. King David said in Psalm 55 that he would pray three times a day; that is, he scheduled it three times a day. How often should a Christian pray? As it says in 1 Thessalonians 5:17, we should be praying without ceasing.

In Luke 11:2, Jesus says, “When you pray ...” In Matthew 6:7, Jesus says, “When you pray ...” You notice that Jesus never says, “If you pray ...”, but “When you pray.” It is unthinkable to God that His followers

would not seek Him at every opportunity. For this reason, all of His instructions are given on the basis that we will be a praying people.

So no matter how you feel, keep praying. And if you have more questions about prayer, write to us at Amazing Facts and we'll try to find you an answer from the Bible. You can also include your prayer requests, which are brought before the Lord on behalf of everyone who asks.



# Amazing Facts

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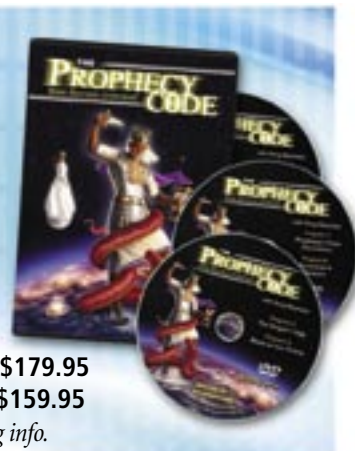
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*Hildelisa, wife of evangelist Eric Flickinger, gives this exciting update on their Revelation seminar in California City.*

Despite the Mojave Desert's 107-degree heat, we had a really refreshing time doing the Lord's work in California City. Our meetings were held in the auditorium of one of the local schools, and we enjoyed great attendance. Things were going smoothly until the fourth day of our meetings when Eric was to present the topic of the Antichrist. That morning, the school informed us that our meeting for that night had to be postponed since the school was having a function in the auditorium.

It was obvious that the devil was hard at work keeping truth at bay. However, the following night, one of our guests told us she watched Doug Batchelor on TV the evening before, and he was presenting the topic of the Antichrist—the very same topic that Eric was scheduled to present! God truly works in mysterious ways!

God, of course, had His own reasons to have a prophecy seminar in California City. One of those reasons was a lady named Ludi. After learning what the Bible says concerning the state of the dead, she told us how her husband had passed away a few years ago and how her 5-year-old daughter was now asking, "Where is daddy?" Ludi had been saying that her daddy was in heaven. But now that she knew the




Bible truth, she would tell her daughter that daddy is resting, awaiting the resurrection.

Ludi told us that at the time of her husband's death, she was devastated and didn't know how

she could go on. But she leaned on the Lord, claiming the inspired words, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding" (Proverbs 3:5). One week prior to her baptism, she was involved in a car accident. But God protected her even as the devil was doing everything in his power to prevent it.

We truly enjoyed working with the local church, a people of great faith and ingenuity. Since the church didn't have a baptistry, we wondered how we would baptize. The church members devised a makeshift portable baptistry from the metal

of a feeding trough. As amazing as it might be, it actually looked nice and inviting. We are thankful that God gave us such an interesting and amazing experience. With God, all things are possible! 



*The following report comes from evangelist Adam Ramdin and his prophecy series in Chewelah, Washington, this past fall.*


David grew up in a little town, Tonasket, in northern Washington state with parents who faithfully kept the Sabbath. The youngest of three, he grew up going to church every week. By the time he was 12, David committed his life to the Lord in baptism.



Yet when he turned 18, about the time he left home, he drifted away from the church. The only time he ever went back was when he was visiting family.

David grew up with juvenile diabetes, and several times his blood sugar was so low that he should have died. He lost consciousness on many occasions and survived only because a friend happened to come around. David believes with all his heart that this was God's providence working on his behalf, waiting for the day he would find his way back to Jesus.

Often during his backsliding, David would wonder how much time was really left in the world. So when he was invited to attend evangelist Adam Ramdin's upcoming prophecy seminar, he committed to come, and he did faithfully every night. Ironically, the local church had been conducting Bible studies in the area as pre-work for the meetings, but David was not taking these lessons. Instead, his neighbor, Theresa was taking the studies and simply dropped by one day to invite him to the meetings after she had been invited. Praise the Lord!

He had heard many of these lessons before, but this time, every biblical truth made sense to him. He saw how little time was left, and he made his decision to be baptized. He called his family and told them of his decision, and his sister was able to come and enjoy the baptism and witness the beautiful occasion of his rededication to the Lord. 



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## BEANS 'N FRANKS pg 137

*Hot dogs, links, franks ... by any name, the kids love 'em, and so does everybody else!*

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 medium onion
- 1 clove fresh garlic, pressed
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 3 cups cooked beans
- 4 vegetarian hot dogs
- 1 tablespoon molasses
- 4 tablespoons tomato purée
- Salt to taste



### STEPS

- 1** Sauté onion and garlic in olive oil, or steam in a small amount of water, for about 5 minutes in a large saucepan.
- 2** Cut the vegetarian hot dogs into 1/2-inch pieces.
- 3** A combination of beans may be used, including pinto, kidney and cannelloni beans. Canned or home-cooked will work. Include some of the liquid in either case, and combine the beans with the onions, garlic, franks, and remaining Ingredients.
- 4** Pour into a casserole dish, cover and bake at 350° for 1 hour. For a quicker version, simply heat in the saucepan until bubbly.

*Makes 6 servings.*

## FROZEN LEMON CUSTARD pg 205

*These individual desserts may be made ahead to give the royal treatment to unexpected guests, who will never guess they are eating tofu!*

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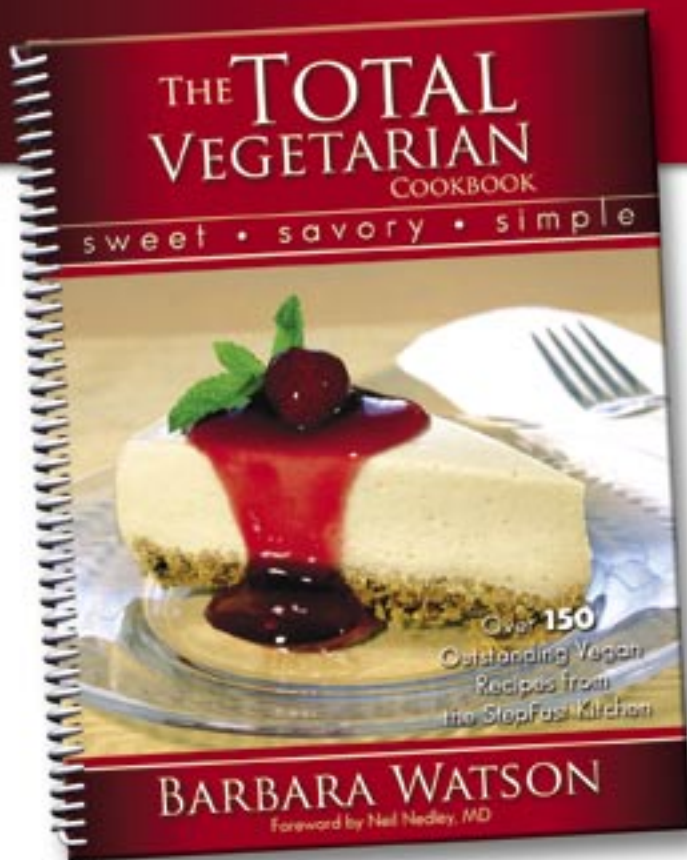
- 12.3 ounces firm silken tofu
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 3 tablespoons canola oil
- 1/16 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon fresh lemon rind
- A dash of turmeric
- 1/3 cup chopped nuts

### STEPS

- 1** Place all ingredients except nuts in a blender and blend until smooth.
- 2** Line muffin tin with 8 paper muffin cups. Sprinkle chopped nuts into the bottom of each muffin cup and pour tofu mixture into the cups.
- 3** Place in freezer for several hours or until set.
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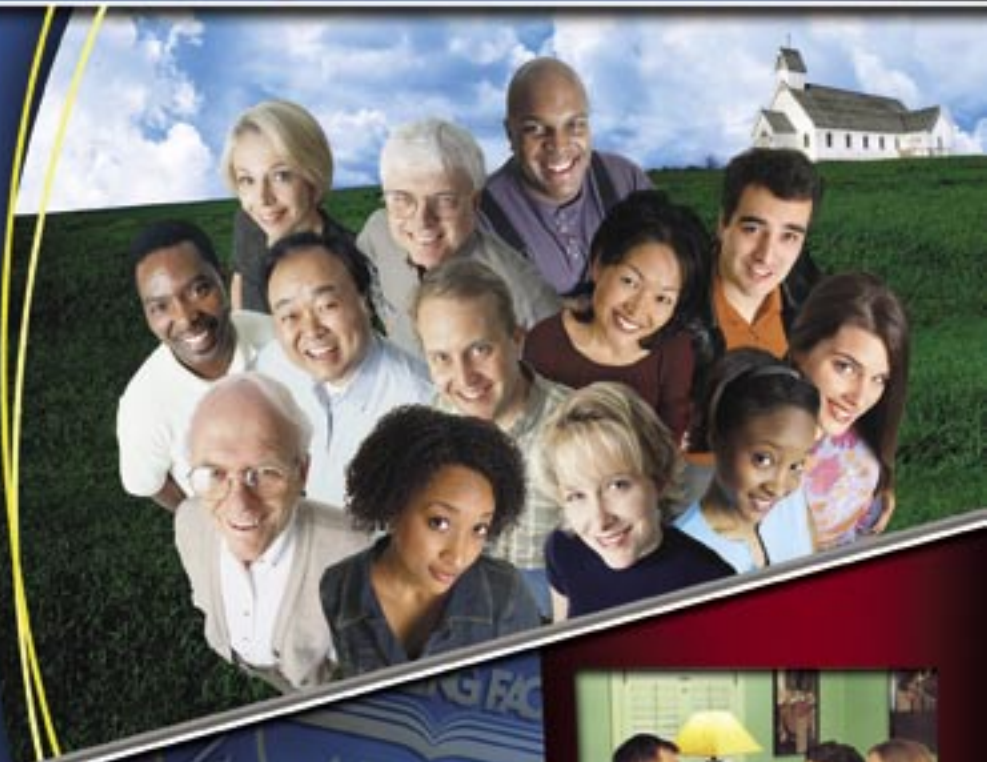
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