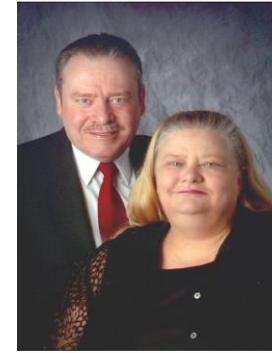


## ***“The Right Perspective Found in the Right Place”***

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*Several years were wasted in my youth. I lived in discouragement over the apparent mishaps and suffering of righteous people in comparison with the apparent success of unrighteous people. This bugged me a lot in those early years of my life. It appeared that Christians sure had a lot of problems! If we were favored by the Lord, why were we so afflicted? On the other hand, it looked like the ungodly lived a life of ease, eating, drinking and making merriment as they saw fit. From all appearances they lived a happy life, cheating in business and in their marriages. Yet they lived quite guilt free mostly, not appearing to worry too much about God or the hereafter.*

*Why was life so unfair? Is God really keeping track of all the dealings of humankind on this earth? Did it really matter in the long run? These were some of the questions in my young mind. I needed to live a few more years to see through the fuzziness of the developing picture and see the proper perspective of life. There are three different perspectives that author, Asaph points to in Psalm 73...*



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### **1. The perspective that this world is all there is -Psalm 73:1-7.**

Asaph had such a faulty perception of the success of the wicked that it was affecting his own spiritual health. A faulty assumption we can have:

- >Their success causes others to envy their apparent comfort. Vs. 1-3
- >They don't seem to suffer pain even when they are dying. V. 4
- >They don't seem to have the same problems others have. V. 5
- >They are proud, violent, and have super rich success. Vs. 6-7
- >They have pride in bad behavior in the face of God and man. Vs. 8-9

We observe this kind of behavior in our overpaid sports figures, as well as in pampered Hollywood stars. We may see such proud acts of devil-may-care in our neighbors or in the company we work for, as the relative of the boss gets one promotion after another without a notice of his incompetence on the job. This is hurtful to the conscientious worker.

### **2. The perception of godliness as unnecessary -Psalm 73:10-16**

When we move and act in envy, coveting the life of the “successful” as the world views success, we can make another faulty assumption. This kind of thinking can greatly damage our behavior and even our relationship with God. We are specifically commanded to be Godly in our behavior and to have an attitude of contentment. See 1 Tim. 6:6-8

- >We act as if God does not see nor know what is going on. Vs. 10-11
- >We believe that we have been Godly and no one seemed to notice (did we really expect or desire people to notice our good behavior?) The underlying feeling is that we are wasting our time being so good! V. 13
- >We think that all we experience is trouble and problems V. 14.
- >If we complain or voice our negative feelings to fellow believers, we can cause them to stray from the faith V. 15. We must be careful.

The situation is too painful to understand or to explain V. 16. (This causes us to feel like a martyr or the last ones on earth living righteously.)

### **3. The right perception is one of a powerful and all-knowing God Psalm 37:17-26.**

Asaph finally looked in the right place for the proper perspective- He saw life and death through God's special lenses. All looked good for the wicked person until Asaph went into the house of the Lord and God gave him a glance at the end of that wicked person -V. 17. The end of the unbelieving pagan is precarious, total destruction, filled with terror and absolute desolation -Vs. 17-26. God is a God of judgment as well -V. 20. Human reasoning and observational powers are limited; we only see what our human eyes can observe in the present moment flawed by selfish human emotion. But God sees the past, present, future, and in every compartment of all of our lives, objectively - everything!

There are real and tangible benefits in having a relationship with the Lord:

- >He is always with us, holding our hand -V. 23. See Psa. 37:23-24
- >He guides us with his wonderful counsel -V. 24. -John 16:13
- >After our time on earth is over we get to go to glory -V. 24 -Phil. 3:19-20
- >We worship the Lord, the desire of all heaven and earth V. 25
- >When strength and heart fail and we leave this earth, we still have the Lord, forever and ever! -V. 26.

Conclusion: Let us not worry about other people and God's interaction with them. God sees all, is all powerful and faithful to the end. He will see to it that the wicked person gets opportunity to repent and justice too -2 Peter 3:9. But God will also see that the righteous person is rewarded according to his or her faithfulness in serving the Lord. Let us be steadfast, unmovable, continually doing God's work -1 Cor. 15:58.

### **The Lighter Side... Funny One Liners**

Support bacteria. They're the only culture most people have.

Remember, half the people you know are below average.

The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese in the trap.

Light travels faster than sound. That's why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

What happens if you get scared half to death, twice?

Hard work pays off in the future. Laziness pays off now.

When everything is coming your way, you're probably in the wrong lane.

How much deeper would the ocean be without sponges?



### ***Hawaiian BBQ Kabobs***

1 pound of sliced, baked ham from the deli.

Pineapple cut into chunks.

1 Orange Pepper cut into small squares.

Kabob Sticks soaked in water.

Sweet Baby Ray's BBQ Sauce.

Roll each ham slice up, then fold like a fan and place through the end of the Kabob stick. The add Pineapple, then Orange Pepper. Repeat until the stick is full and brush on BBQ Sauce.

Place on grill and cook until nice and brown. You can add more BBQ Sauce while grilling.

These little babies are truly delicious!



### Cutting Boards:

Wooden cutting boards should be cleaned and oiled periodically to restore their smooth finish and protect them from moisture.

To deodorize a wooden cutting board, mix a half cup of baking soda with one cup warm water and rub it on the surface. Use a synthetic scouring pad to clean gummy residue on the edges. Rinse and dry.

One can restore the natural finish to a wooden cutting board by applying two coats of boiled linseed oil (salad oil will do in a pinch) 24 hours apart. Rub the oil in with a fine steel wool pad, and clean off the excess between applications.

Rubbing salt into a wooden cutting board will both eliminate odors and lift stains.

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*"...Of making many books there is no end; and much study is the weariness of the flesh. Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments; for this is the whole duty of man." -Ecclesiastes 12:12-13*

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## ***Rev. David Bauer September Itinerary***



Sept. 20 12:00 noon Pacific Garden Mission, Chicago

Sept. 23 Nortonville Bible Chapel, Spring Lake, MI  
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**Key Note Speaker: Dr. James Ford**  
Radio Personality and Long-Time Pastor of  
Christ Bible Church, Chicago

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## ***BRM Field Report #9***

We have gotten busy again, with several calls from churches experiencing testing times.

In one church a young pastor was living in a parsonage with severe mold problems, affecting him and his family. With a very sick child in the house and the board moving too slowly, the pastor sought a contractor on his own to address the problem. Now, with the mold problem fixed, three board members have continued to make problems for the pastor. With the present strife on the board, church attendance has dropped.

In another church two women are having a dispute in an apparent power struggle. Pastor and board members have stepped in. One woman is threatening to leave the church with her family. The Apostle Paul admonishes two fighting women to "*be of the same mind in the Lord*" -*Philippians 4:2*.

Several board members thought it was time for the pastor to move on. The pastor reluctantly agreed, believing if his board members did not have confidence in him, he would leave. But there are many hurting people in the church who grieve over the departure of their beloved pastor. Sad...

One of our Associates called to ask if a certain church had contacted us about problems threatening to disintegrate the membership. No, they hadn't contacted us yet. But they will probably call after the church splits and the membership is a fraction of what it was. There are so many churches that wait to call after the situations are near impossible, humanly speaking. "*Maybe it will go away*" are the five most dangerous words.

Good pastors are hard to find these days. There are fewer young men going into the pastoral ministry. There are less good schools training pastors in solid doctrine and there are more men leaving the pastorate. Today's church is a much different place than the church in my father's day. Ministry is hard for sure, but we need shepherds who will feed our flocks more than ever today. See Ezekiel 34:2.

In His Service,

Rev. David J. Bauer -2 peter 3:13