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# The Queen's Visit

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Oueen Victoria of England had a habit of visiting her poorer subjects. One day she went to see a widow who was known among her devotedly.

Sometime later, the poor woman was derided by her unbelieving neighbors. "Granny," they said, "who's the most honored guest you've ever had in your

home?" They expected her to say Jesus, but to their surprise she answered. "The most honored guest I've ever had is Her Majesty, the Oueen."

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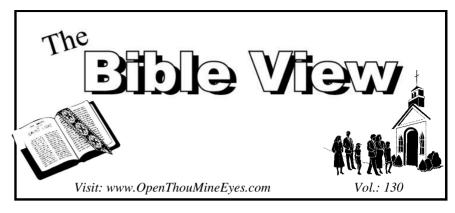
"You say the Oueen, Granny? neighbors as one who loved God We caught you this time. What about this Jesus you say you love? Isn't He your most honored guest?"

> Quickly, and firmly she answered, "No indeed! He is not a guest. He lives here."

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#### One Side

Bill Brinkworth

Imagine the following scene:

An unbathed, sloppily dressed young man of about 25 years of age steps out of his battered, 1985

Ford. He curses as he slams the misfitting door. Both he and the automobile are desperate need of physical attention.

A st h e young man ap-

proaches you, you detect bags under his eyes from many sleepless nights. A face that has not smiled for a long time is permanently set with a frown and furrowed brow. He sucks the last drag from a stub of a cigarette and snuffs it out under the well-worn heel of his boot. The smoke is exhaled tiredly from his chest; so that he can talk to you.

The wind slightly changes direction, and you smell his unpleasant odor. You back up a foot because he is just too close for

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## **Good Words**

Bill Brinkworth

"The word of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times." Psalms 12:6

At one time or the other, we have all been given advice; some was backed by truth and wisdom; other advice was not.

Parents, with their first offspring, learn and try different measures while bringing up that child. What did not work with the first child, probably would not be used with other children. Advisors, counselors, and psychologists have suggested methods to correct a problem, only to

learn that it was the wrong advice. People go to fortunetellers and 8 palm readers. only to get advice that did not keep them from making a

mistake. Man has tried all in an attempt to get the right advice.

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your sense of smell to tolerate.
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The sickening smell of liquor on his breath is also excreting from every pore of his body. He clears his throat to talk to you, and a beer belch unashamedly blurts out.

"I'm a Christian," he murmurs, half looking at the ground and half looking at your knee level, "and I want to tell you how you can have joy and peace. You can trust Jesus as your Saviour and have the promise of heaven."

You cannot believe what you're hearing! This sad specimen of humanity is telling you the way to heaven and how to have peace and joy. It appears he needs help more than you. You cannot stand it anymore, and start laughing. The laugh becomes an uncontrollable belly-laugh. This is one of the funniest things you have ever heard or seen.

I'm sure that you realize that this "make-believe" character is a bad example of one who claims to represent the Lord Jesus Christ. He claims to be a member of the winning side, but lives, eats, sleeps, talks, and appears like the loosing side. Although, one has to be careful of judging others, you certainly discerned that he was putting on a "false-front."

Many people display similar

One example is worth a thousand arguments.

- Gladstone

behavior. They say they are Christians, but their lives certainly are not any kind of testimony for the King. The Bible says in Matthew 12:30, "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad."

Despite popular opinion, there are only two sides: the Lord's and the ungoly crowd, Satan's. There are no in-betweens. It is easy to say that you are a Christian, but your life reflects what is more important to you. The Bible also says in II Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." If you really are a Christian, there will be a change in you. You certainly will not be perfect, but you will be different. If there are not any changes in your life, chances are that you are not saved!

When Christ truly saves you, and comes into your life, he will help you turn from sin you have been involved with. The godly and the ungodly can not dwell together. One has to go!

Also, when you are saved, there should be a new interest to feed the living, spiritual part of you. It is fed only by the Word of God, the Bible. A person that says he is a Christian, but has no interest in reading or hearing the Word of God, is showing others around him that something is not spiritually right.

When I knock on doors, and

A young Christian packing his bag for a journey said to a friend, "I have nearly finished packing. All I have to put in are a guidebook, a lamp, a mirror, a microscope, a telescope, a volume of fine poetry, a few biographies, a package of old letters, a book of songs, a sword, a hammer, and a set of tools."

"But you cannot put all that into your bag," objected the friend.

"Oh, yes," said the Christian. "Here it is," and he placed his Bible in the corner of the suitcase and closed the lid.

invite people to be saved, or to come to church, I hear many times, "Oh, I don't want to go to church, it's filled with hypocrites." I realize they are referring to many they have heard claim they are Christians, but do not live a godly lifestyle. People are watching how a believer lives.

The "fictitious" character I illustrated previously, is not so "fictitious." I am sure one of them, is reading this article. If you are one, I urge you to realize you must choose one side. Either you are for God or you are against him. Many saved people, although truly saved, are doing much harm to the cause of Christ by their ungodly lifestyle.

"And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; ...: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." Joshua 24:15

If you are not saved, believe that Jesus died on the cross of Calvary for your sins and believe that He rose again (Romans 10:9). If you are saved, live a Christ-like lifestyle as the title "Christian" implies. Develop a consistent prayer life, fellowship with God's people and live as a Christian should.

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He has spared no expense and hurdled high obstacles to gain what he thought was truth.

God says His Words, preserved in the Bible, are just the words that man has been searching for. The Truth from the Word of God has been under man's nose for millennia. His advice is guaranteed to be successful. You have God's Word on it!

The words of advice within the pages of the Bible are pure as silver, tempered by fire seven times.

In Biblical days, the silver ore was smelted in an earthen-type furnace. Bellows intensified the surrounding fire to temperatures that would melt and burn off the ore's impurities. Each time the silver was passed through the heating process, more of the foreign minerals would be burnt off; leaving behind a pure, more valuable metal.

God says His Word is tested and true, and as valuable as much processed silver. His Word is His preserved guidance for everything from raising children to living the godly life. It is His guiding plan to heaven, and to solving the smallest squabble. The Bible is pure and reliable. What a good place to get your advice.