## Name The Books of the Bible

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If you are not familiar with the books of the Bible, use its table of contents to find the names of the books. If you get stuck, the answers are on page 3.

#### Is Alcoholism A Disease?

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Many drunkards are convinced their sin is a "disease". If it is a disease, it is the only disease that:

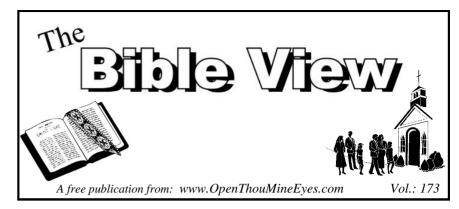
- $\mathbb{T}$  is contracted by an act of will.
- requires a license to propagate it.
- $\mathbb{T}$  is bottled and sold.
- Trequires outlets to spread it.
- T produces an income for the government.
- is spread by advertising.
- T people are fined or jailed for its effect on them.
- destroys marriages and families.
- $\mathbb{T}$  brings death on highways.

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Proverbs 20:1

"And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;" Eph 5:18

# Knowing You Have God's Promise of Heaven

- 1. Know that you are a sinner: "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" Romans 3:23
- 2. Know that there is a price-tag for your sin:
  "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."
  Romans 6:23
- 3. Know that you just have to believe Jesus paid for your sins, and then just ask Him to save you from hell: "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Romans 10:9



#### The Safe Place

By Bill Brinkworth

Of all the childhood games I have played, tag was my favorite. One youngster would, with eyes closed, count as the others scrambled to their hiding places.

As the count was finished, the hunt would begin. Trees, behind rocks, everywhere was searched. If you were sighted, you would run away as quickly as possible, or run to the "base". The "base", a designated tree or building, was a place that no matter how frenzied the chase around you, as long as you were there, you were safe. No harm could come to you, as long as you were on base.



Life, however, is not a game. There are no places to hide when tribulations occur. Many people try different places to run to when the trou-

bles come, but usually they only stall dealing with the problem. They will, one day, have to face Continue on Page 3

#### **Windblown Christians**

By Bill Brinkworth



"That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive:" Ephesians 4:14

Sometimes children, because of their innocence and immaturity, follow after the wrong person or group and find themselves doing the wrong thing. Many times they blindly, trustingly follow, and later pay the consequences for their mistake in following the wrong crowd.

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#### **Windblown Christians**

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Christians often make the same mistake. Because they are not grounded in the way the Lord wants them to go, they sometimes blow in the direction of anything that may look, sound, or seem religious. They have a desire to live for the Lord, but because they don't know exactly what that way is, they follow incorrectly.

Immaturity and innocence in the ways of the Lord are mainly because of one's ignorance of God's Word. To know His will, one must find it in the preserved Word of God. The Bible is His recorded roadmap to get us through lives of detours and misleading roads. It will help us find the right way.

Because of not being grounded in the Word of God, many follow blindly in whichever direction seems right to them. For this reason, many cults grow larger in number, and many godless congregations grow in number.

Many years past, some well-meaning people followed a man in Guyana and his promises of a more peaceful life and a closer walk with God. The man's name was Reverend Jim Jones. Although their desires were well-intended, the result, because they followed after a man's way to please God, rather than God's way, was tragic. Many died as their leader's demands led them to take their own lives. They fol-

A Man who will not stand for anything will for anything!

lowed blindly down the wrong alleyway. Their suicides would not have occurred, if they were obeying God's Word.

People with a desire to change their lives are often easily led astray by the first smiling face that shows any concern or care for them. Sometimes that smile is a front for other motives. Sometimes, with promises of serving the Lord, the motives are to get them as a member of a cult or organization. Once into the organization. Once into the organization grasp, they blow wherever the false doctrine blows them.

Others, desiring also to serve God are snagged by the tricks and schemes of a cult's leader. Just as a magician devises methods to make something impossible appear to happen before his audience's eyes; so do some leaders to get the faithful support of their followers.

Fake faith-healers, in order to get support of followers, have appeared to heal a member of the audience. Many lost hope as it was later revealed that the one The result from the blamegame is bitterness!

healed was planted there, and the healing was a staged act. There was not genuine healing, but the ungrounded audience fell for the deception. If the congregation knew and obeyed their Bible and knew that most of those type of "miracles" were for the early church before they had the written word of God, they would not even have been there.

Many are misled by clerical garb and what they think is Godly behavior. Just because the leader looks and acts spiritual, they believe what they see on the outside is a true reflection of what is on the inside. It is a shattered faith and hope they are left with when the one they were trusting in is embarrassed when his phoniness is revealed in a public scandal.

Keep your eyes on the Lord and not on man. Read, feed, and heed His Word and you will grow in the direction the Lord leads you. If you do, you will be led by the Lord, not blown by an everchanging wind of false doctrine.



The men who succeed best in public life are those who take the risk of standing by

their own convictions.

— James A. Garfield

#### The Safe Place

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For the Christian there is hope during hard times. The Lord promises to be our "base" in time of need. In Psalms 32:7, David writes, "Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance ..."

What an assurance it is to know, when there is nowhere else to turn, that we can turn to the Lord. He has raised millions upon billions of children. There are no tribulations that can happen to man that God does not know about, has not handled in the past, or cannot control.

He is the safe place for the Christian to go to in time of need. Give Him your trust and allow him to work in your life, including the hard times.

### **Some Impossibilities**

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It is Impossible —

- To sow oats and reap roses.
- To sow jealousy and reap love.
- To think wrong and live right.
- To do wrong and live right.
- To dance without paying the fiddler.
- To not do your best and maintain self-respect.

Exodus
II Kings
Acts
Romans
Judges