

BIBLICAL Building Materials



Words to Find:

alabaster	bitumen	emerald	pearls
amber	brass	gold	pitch
amethyst	beryl	iron	ruby
	brick	jasper	sardonyx
	chrysolite	lime	turquoise
	chrysoprasus	marble	topaz
	copper	onyx	

Evolution

Author Unknown



If you think of it, the unbiblical explanation of our being here by those without faith is saying there is:

- ★ a fatherless universe
- ★ a mindless world of matter
- ★ a body without a soul
- ★ a history without a goal
- ★ a religion without hope
- ★ a humanity without help
- ★ a society without law
- ★ a science without facts
- ★ a theory without reality
- ★ a disease without a doctor
- ★ a world without God

"The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God..."

Psalm 14:1

The Bible View

Web: www.openthoumineeyes.com Vol.:91

Worry

Author Unknown

Worry? Why Worry? What can worry do?

It never keeps a trouble from overtaking you.

It gives you indigestion and sleepless hours at night.

And fills with gloom the days, however fair and bright.

It puts a frown upon the face, and sharpness to the tone.



We're unfit to live with others and unfit to live alone.

Worry? Why worry? What can worry do?

It never keeps a trouble from overtaking you.

Pray? Why pray? What can praying do?

Praying really changes things, arranges life anew.

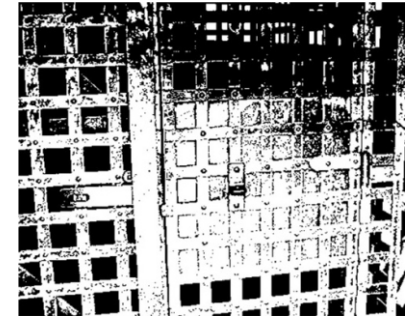
It's good for your digestion, gives peaceful sleep at night.

And fills the grayest, gloomiest day with rays of glowing light.

Continued on Page 3

When A Father's Son Went Free

By Bill Brinkworth



At the time of the unjust capture of Jesus Christ, a notorious criminal was also apprehended. His escapades were known by many in the area. He was a murderer, a robber, and was guilty under Roman and Jewish law. His name meant "son of father". Maybe at one time he was daddy's boy, but not at the time of his capture. He was the wicked Barabbas.

Surely, the legal presentation of his case did not last long. His captivity could not have been lengthy, as his death was planned

Continued on Page 2

When A Father's Son

Continued from Page 1

to be completed before the nearing passover. He was detained in one of the infamous, Roman jails – dark and dank. It could be the only comfort he had of not being alone was the screams and cries of other criminals facing the same fate.

Perhaps, from hearing the screaming and the commotion outside he learned what was to happen to him. Maybe the guard's cruel taunts also informed him of what his fate would be.

Two of his prison mates would also accompany him in death on the cruel, Roman cross. Just the thought of the long, lingering torture of being nailed to an old, rugged cross would sober even the worst of attitudes, and he was certainly sober.

The other two were thieves. If they deserved death, certainly Barabbas did. As man's standards go, Barabbas deeds were far worse. Not only was he reaping the consequences of his thievery, but also for his act of murder. His fling of felonies brought much anger to his captors. They would be relieved by his death.

Outside, the people stirred nervously. Crowds came and went. Barabbas may have heard some of their emotional opinions as they brought in another well-known man for punishment. The loudest of the angered mob was the religious. Those Jewish leaders wanted the man destroyed. "Jesus" was the name called out

Anxiety springs from the desire that things should happen as we wish rather than as God wills.

the most. It was He they wanted crucified also.

Arguments and debates pierced the darkness of the early morning. Trials that were a mockery to justice pursued. Quickly, many hearing the judging of Jesus knew he was guilty of nothing. An earlier hearing from King Herod revealed no transgression worthy of death. They brought him to Praefectus Pilate, the governor of Judea, who was hearing the case, and he also found no fault in the man. It had to be evident that the Jewish elders and chief priests had it in for this man. They even brought in several men to bear false witness against Jesus. The leaders' envy against Jesus brought the religious leaders' tempers to a frenzy. They pleaded and demanded that Pilate would have him killed; even though the ruler saw nothing worthy of death in the testimonies against Jesus.

Pilate tried to get out of making the decision to crucify the man. Their demands upsurged. Knowing some of the Jewish laws, Pilate reminded them that a prisoner could be spared prior to the ensuing religious holiday. Ignoring Pilate's repeated pleas to free Jesus from death, their demands quickly changed.

Soon, through that commotion, Barabbas may have heard his

name in the arguments outside his cage. They were demanding to have Barabbas released. They ordered Jesus to die in the criminal's place. "Why would they want me free? After all I have done. Why, they don't even know me. I certainly am not their religious type," he may have considered.

What a tragedy. What an injustice the ensuing trial was. Jesus' reputation was widespread. Certainly Barabbas had heard something of this man that would die in his stead. He could have heard of Jesus' healing of the sick, or of all the miracles he had performed. Street gossip from many had raised the suspicion of many that this prisoner, Jesus, was not just a man. He possibly was the "son of God," the true son of the true Father, and the long-awaited messiah the rumors claimed.

Yet, for all the good this man was known for, the mob wanted Him to die. This great, good man would die in the place of a common criminal. Some unreliable, written sources even claim that Barabbas' first name was Jesus. As God ordered it, the only Son of the heavenly Father, the promised Messiah, would die in the place of another

"son of father". Jesus would die so the sinful son could go free.

What he heard was true. The Roman guards opened Barabbas' jail door. Jesus would be taking the place of the criminal. It was not fair for Jesus, but Barabbas was grateful for the court's mercy. Barabbas was free; one had died in his place.

The substitutionary death was only temporary. One day, however, Barabbas did die; as one day, we will all die. By believing and trusting that Christ's death on the cross is payment for all our sins – past, present, and future, His death can be a payment for all our sins. His death can be what sets us free from sin's control in our lives now, and it can free us from the wages of sin in Hell. His gift of dying for our sin can open the prison gates our sin has put us behind.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

John 3:16

Worry?

Continued from Page 1

*It puts a smile upon your face,
the love note in your tone.
Makes you fit to live with others
and fit to live alone.*

*Pray? Why pray? What can
praying do?*

*It brings God down from Heaven,
to live and work with you.*

WORRY is a kind of insult to the Lord. It's like throwing His promises and assurances back into His face and saying they're no good and you don't trust Him.

- Fletcher