

Bible Verses

AND God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.

Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things.

But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.

And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man.

Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.

And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein.

And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying,

And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you;

And with every living creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth.

And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.

And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations:

I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.

And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud:

And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.

And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.

And God said unto Noah, This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.

And the sons of Noah, that went forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Ja'pheth: and Ham is the father of Canaan.

These are the three sons of Noah: and of them was the whole earth over-spread.

And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard:

And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent.

And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without.

And Shem and Ja'-pheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness.

And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him.

And he said, Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.

And he said, Blessed be the Lord God of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant. God shall enlarge Ja'-pheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.

And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years.

And all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years; and he died.

FTC Report

The Federal Trade Commission report on and suggested regulations for the funeral industry released recently came under attack last week by Robert H. Miller, executive secretary of the National Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association.

He charged that the report was flawed because of racial discrimination on the part of the Commission when it began its investigation of the industry four years ago. He also claimed that the regulations, that have not yet been adopted by the Commission, will increase instead of reduce the costs of funerals.

As background, Miller explains that as with other trades and professions, the undertaking industry was originally organized nationally on a racial basis that excluded blacks from membership. To remedy the situation black undertakers formed their own organization that now has branches in 24 states. They have only recently been allowed to cremate in the south.

When the FTC launched its study of the industry four years ago the black organization was ignored, according to Miller and it wasn't until several of the regional hearings were held that he as executive secretary was able to gain recognition from the FTC task force. They started their investigation on 15 complaints out of two million deaths.

However, he pointed out, the Commission investigators cited practices by black undertakers in Washington and New Jersey as examples of abuses common in the industry. Regulations in the District of Columbia are among the weakest in the industry, he noted. Further, Miller observed, the Commission refused to pay the expenses of black witnesses to testify at some of its hearings as it did for whites.

Black funeral directors of the District of Columbia were the targets. Where they were on loose regulations. As a result, according to Miller, not enough was learned about the peculiarities of the black funeral industry to make its recommended regulations applicable to the industry as a whole.

A probe of the industry, Miller said should have included an investigation of the racial discriminatory practices in the industry such as the barring of blacks interments in some cemeteries, the refusal of some crematories to handle black corpses and other restrictions placed on black undertakers in different parts of the country.

Arguing against itemization of funeral costs, Miller, who has been in the business for more than 58 years, said that "pac age" charges now common in the industry include many services for which no charges are presently made.

The average funeral, Miller said, requires the undertaker to make five trips. These include a home interview with survivors after notification of a death, transportation of body to funeral home, of family for selection of casket, the viewing of the body before the night funeral services and interment at the cemetery.

In addition, the next day he said, the undertaker must secure the permits needed for the burial and make arrangements with the cemetery for burial over which he has no control, and is often required to pay the charges in advance. He also pointed out that in most cases no charge is made for use of the undertaker's chapel for funeral services and the extra work required when the funeral is held elsewhere such as churches.

While it is not usual, neither is it rare, Miller said, for an undertaker to store a body for as long as two weeks while the family arranges financing and allows time for all relatives to gather for the funeral service.

He also said that no consideration was given to the differential undertakers must pay union employees for day and night funerals and the extra services required when burial takes place the day after a funeral service. In addition, he added, funeral directors must maintain a 24 hour service which means overtime for union employees.

Miller contended that if all these services were itemized, the costs for a funeral would have to be stipulated as they are not in a package deal. The Commission will not fully approve the staff's recommendations. Itemization will certainly cost more. The price of graves went up 30 percent last week.

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Coming to you in the Holy name of the Lord Jesus, praying that God will Bless you in the things you stand in need of. The subject says: Be not deceived."

God is not mocked for what so ever a man soweth that shall he also reap. For if a man think himself to be something, when he is not he deceiveth himself, Gal. 6:3, 7. Jesus said there shall arise false Christs and false prophets and shall show great signs and wonders in so much that if it were possible they shall deceive the very elect. But if you are saved and filled with the Holy Ghost, then you will know the truth for the Holy-ghost will teach you all things, if you let it. To get the full benefit of this teaching you must live Holy and continue in prayer and fasting knowing that the unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God. And you will not be deceived, by Idolaters, fornicaters, adulterers, effeminate persons all those who abuse themselves with those of the same sex. And know also that no thief, no drunkard, no reviler, or no covetous person, no liars shall inter the Kingdom of God. When you are saved, your body becomes a member of the body of Christ. But if you join your body to a whore or whore-monger then you become one with the same neither one of you shall be fit for the Kingdom of God. Your body is the temple of God. And if you defile that temple you God will destroy. If you continue in the filthiness of the flesh you cannot receive the Holy Spirit. But we know that God is able to cleanse you and make you justified in the name of the Lord Jesus. Avoid those who cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine, for by good words and fair speech deceive the hearts of the simple Rom. 16:18, 19. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse the worse deceiving and being deceived, traitors, heavy, high minded lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God having a form of Godliness but denying the power, I Tim. 3:13.

Please remember, that God is going to bring every evil and wicked device into judgement and those who have been deceived and the deceiver all are in his hand. So, what will it profit you to follow a false teacher who is a deceiver for both of you will be cast into Hell fire. There is no alibi or excuse left. Jesus said: You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free. Any teacher who says you can not live seperated from sin, is a false prophet and a deceiver. There are those who tell you that the stuff they teach is "a way of life," they tell you that Jesus was alright, but his work is all over and finished and that God has sent this other man whose name is hard to say or even spell, to take the place of Jesus. They also tell you that it is your right to enjoy yourself with women, drinking, gambling and to have a strange sex life or indulge in free love with anybody.

Let no man deceive you with vain words for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

There are those who say that man keep coming back to this life after he is dead he may come back as a cat or dog or anything. This is the works of the old devil himself, to keep you from being born again and living a righteous life. If you let the devil deceive you then you lose your right to eternal life. For it is given to men once to die and after that the judgement. "Be not deceived," you must choose Heaven or Hell.

May God bless you to make the right choice.

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