

Church

'Charismatic Crusade' Comin' To Town

Do You Know God's Will?

By Rev. Charles Wyatt

The difficulty that most of us are experiencing in our lives is not DOING God's will, but knowing what His will is. Here are some things we can be positive ARE God's will.

The Commandments - The ten as given to Moses; The precepts of the Church:

The duties of our state in life:

Obedience to lawful authority - civil, family and church; and

The New Commandment as given by Jesus, to love one another.

In the Scriptures we see in many simple ways exactly what the Father expects of us. These are all direct manifestations of the will of God in our daily lives. Perhaps a list of some of these positive commandments may be of help:

1. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly." (Luke 6:27, 35)

2. "Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge and you will not be condemned." (Luke 6:36, 38)

3. "I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." (Luke 18:17)

4. "It is my Father's will that whoever sees the Son and believes in Him shall enter eternal life." (John 6:40)

5. "Shoulder my yoke and learn of me, for I am gentle and humble of heart." (Matt. 11:29)

The problems may be that we look upon the Commandments in a rather negative way. They are, for the most part, "don't" directives in our minds, but this is not so. We do not find fault with the inventor of a machine, when he or she gives us directions on how to obtain the best results from what has been invented. Who else would know how best a particular machine

runs than its inventor! To most of us this is logical & we are willing to follow directions and accept the fact that most equipment is only guaranteed, provided directions are properly followed.

This is exactly what God has done in giving us commandments. They are not the demands of a Creator, who makes His creatures ever aware of their subordinate position. The Commandments, given by the Father in the Old and by Jesus in the New Testament, are only directions that say - human beings He has created are happier, healthier and more content when they follow the directions of their Creator.

The Father knows under what conditions our souls grow and mature. He knows what reminders are best for our weaknesses. He knows what step must be taken to avoid the many obstacles the enemy strews in our path. Most of all, He knows in what way our souls need to be purified, tempered and transformed so they can one day stand in His awesome presence and not be annihilated.

The Scriptures are full of revelations telling how the Father wishes us to think and act under every circumstance. Our problem in knowing God's will then is in the decisions we make in our daily lives.

First, it must be said that the Commandments mentioned above are part of God's ordaining will.

There is no question here of what He wants. The trials of daily life, the evil, suffering, etc. are part of God's permitting will. God's ordaining will wants only what is good and Holy, but man's free will and the temptations of the enemy produce other effects that are not good. These effects we suffer from, but God, to whom all things are present, sees some good in our en-



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durance of pain and evil and for sake of greater good. He permits evil.

St. Paul brought this out when he reminded us that to those who love God, all things tend to good. (Romans 8:28). Our dear Lord endured the malice, hatred and finally crucifixion to accomplish God's will.

We cannot say God ordained that men reject (See The Malice page 8)

A Las Vegas Charismatic Crusade will be held, with nationally and internationally known speaker, Dr. James T. Higginbottom of Akron, Ohio. Dr. Higginbottom is the pastor of The Gospel Temple Apostolic Pentecostal Church In Jesus Christ, in Barberton, Ohio. He is a graduate of the University of Akron where he holds five graduate degrees and has attended the following universities and colleges: University of Wisconsin, New York State College, Malone College, Grace Bible College, and Universal Bible Institute. Dr. Higginbottom just recently finished a tour to South America, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Montego Bay,



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Jamaica, Acapulco and the Caribbean where many souls were blessed of God. You can be

blessed of God by just hearing this young man speak. Don't miss this crusade!

This dynamic man of God will be in a Charismatic revival crusade beginning the week of June 16, 1980, through June 22, 1980. Service will start at 7:30 p.m. nightly and Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. The location is:

Greater Faith Baptist Church
2736 Chamberlain
North Las Vegas, Nevada
648-1020

For additional information, contact:

Crusade Chairperson: Mrs. Louise Walker, 648-5328
All Seats are FREE!

Annual Convocation Theme Is 'Go Find Your Brother'

By Bishop E. N. Webb

Bishop E.N. Webb and the Church of God in Christ of the State of Nevada would like to welcome everyone to our Thirty-Second Annual Holy Convocation.

The Holy Convocation began in 1948 in the State of Nevada and has been



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one of the highlights each year. The purpose of the Holy Convocation is to bring all the churches together in one unified

body to worship and magnify the Lord in the beauty of holiness. The idea of the Holy Convocation was taken from Leviticus 23:21, 27) when the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "An ye shall proclaim on the selfsame day that it may be a holy convocation unto you: it shall be a statute for ever in all your dwellings throughout your generations."

This year's theme is "Go Find Your Brother." The Church of God in Christ is excited about doing a good work for the Lord and letting our brothers know who Jesus is. For this cause, we are inviting every one to come and worship with us.

Pre-Convocation Musical, Monday, June 15. Prayer begins at 7:30 p.m.

Workshop, Tuesday, June 17 through Saturday, June 21. Prayer begins at 9:00 A.M.

Night service June 17 through June 21. Prayer begins at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday services begin with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Afternoon ser-



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vices will begin at 11:45 a.m. in preparation for the challenge. ...

I bear your greetings to the 32nd Annual Holy Convocation.

As I envision this decade will be one of great turmoil, vast perplexities and mammoth trials on this earth.

However, as we confront the changes of the 80s, as holy women we cannot and will not stand by idle, aware there is so much to be done. We will adorn ourselves in righteousness and implement Holy Principles,

Our illustrious leader is cordially inviting you to be present on the Official Day of the Women's Department, Friday, June 20, 1980 at 10 a.m. for the Workshop.

Missionary Stella is the coordinator. The theme: What Are Godly Principles That Church of God In Christ Women Should Seek To Implement In The '80's?

Written by Deacon Rodney Dixie and submitted by Joyce Wright.