

# Church

## PRAISES FROM VICTORY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*  
St. John 1:1

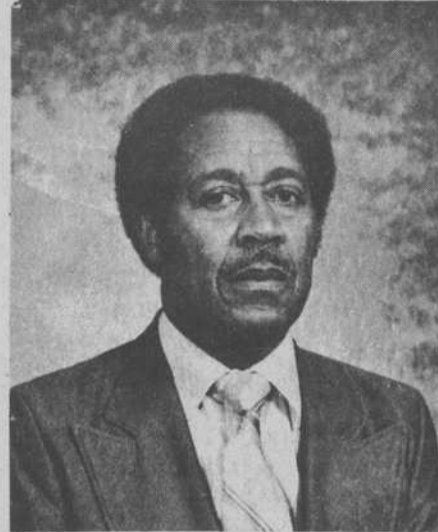
## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### STUDY THE BIBLE

From last week's study of Christ as priest, Christ's priestly office is complimentary of His prophetic office. The prophet is God's representative with the people; the priest is the people's representative with God. Because they are sinful, He must be a sacrifice; because they are needy, He must be a compassionate intercessor. Heb. 5:1-2, 8:1-3.

So Christ on the cross entered upon His high priestly work offering Himself without spot unto God. Heb. 9:14. As now He is compassionate to His people in an ever living intercession. For an example of that intercession, study John 17. Distinguish in the gospel's interpretation from just a simple moral application. Much of the

Gospels belong in strictness, to interpretation of the Kingdom, and is yet a revelation of the mind of God, so based on eternal principles as to have a moral application to the people of God, whatever their dispensation. It is always true that the pure in heart shall see God, and woe is unto religious formalism, whether under law or Grace. Special emphasis rests upon that to which all four Gospels bear united testimony. That united testimony is sevenfold. In all alike is revealed the one unique personality. The one Jesus is King in Matthews, Servant in Mark, Man in Luke and God in John. But not only so: for Matthew's King is also Servant, man and God; Mark's Servant is



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also King, man and God; Servant and God; and Luke's man is also King, John's eternal Son is

also King and Servant and man. The pen is a different pen: the incidents which He is seen are sometimes different incidents, but He is always the same Christ. That fact alone marks these books as inspired.

All the Evangelists record the ministry of John the Baptist.

All record Christ's feeding of the five thousand.

All record Christ's offering Himself as King according to Micah.

All record the betrayal by Judas; the denial by Peter; the trial and crucifixion and the literal resurrection of Christ.

And this record is also made as to testify that

the death of Christ was the supreme business that brought Him into the world: that all which precedes that death is but preparation for it, and that from it flows all the blessings which God ever has or will bestow upon mankind.

All record the resurrection ministry of Christ as a ministry which reveals Him gloriously changed by those tremendous events of His passion: But a ministry keyed to a new note of universality and power.

All point to His second coming.

These glorifying ministries are unfolded through the study of the Bible.

To study the Bible, one needs . . .

1. A good dictionary (Webster's)
2. A good Bible dictionary
3. A calculator
4. A secluded place
5. A time set apart
6. A good reference person
7. To pray

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## NEVADA POWER EXPANDS SUMMER LOAD MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Nevada Power Company announced today it would accept 10,000 additional customers for next summer's residential air conditioning load management program.

Mel Sutton, manager of Nevada Power Company's Energy Conservation and Load Management Department, said that the company is accepting new customers at this time be-

cause of the heavy demand for participation in the program.

Participating customers agree to have Nevada Power cycle their air conditioners off and on during hours of peak demand in the months of June, July, August and September. Sutton said there are currently 17,500 air conditioners under control. He expects the number to grow to 27,000 by spring of 1984.

Sutton said participants this summer had their bills reduced by an average of \$15 a month. He estimated a savings to customers of close to \$900,000 this year and a reduction in peak demand of 21 MW.

The company started advertising the availability of the program this week and will sign up new customers on a first-come, first-served basis. Installation of the radio controlled units will get underway shortly after the first of the year.

## CRIME

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a 9-year-old boy in a Florida hotel room three weeks later.

A committee of legislators in Massachusetts found that the hospital had no criteria for releasing patients and that "the lines of authority were very vague or nonexistent," says legislative aide Gregory Torres.

That persons believed to be cured emerge to commit more gruesome violence has given impetus to the drive to do away with the insanity plea. Some suggest making the plea harder to use, such as by shifting more of the burden of proof to the defense.

What are the opinions of this matter by local legal, law enforcement and medical authorities? We find out in the next article of the Criminally Insane segment in our series, "Our Criminal Judicial System. What's Right and Wrong With It."

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