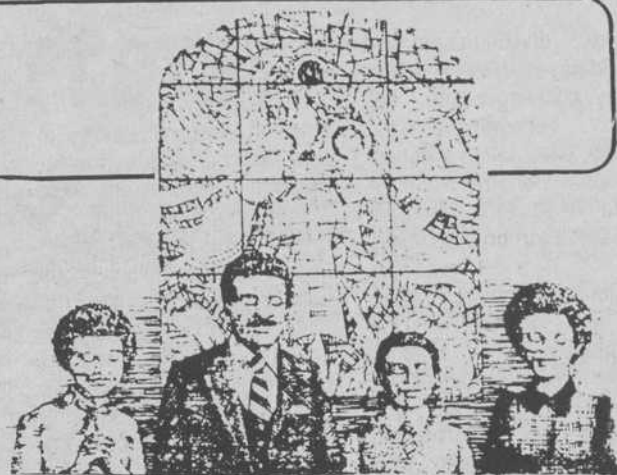


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WORDS OF LIFE

PRAYER POEM

A number of hymns have been based upon Psalm 103, "Praise the Lord, O, my soul." None is more beautiful than the majestic "Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven," which was played at the wedding of Queen Elizabeth II to Prince Philip. These words were written in 1834 by H.F. Lyte.

*Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;
To his feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore his praises sing: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.*

*Praise him for his grace and favor
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness.*

*Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him
Dwellers all in time and space. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.*

God is a God of blessing. He wills that we have health and prosperity, and that we grow up into the measure of the fullness of our life in Him. Worship God in His church each week.



Church News

By Mary Wilson
Church Reporter

The Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship invites you to hear their guest speaker, Ray Brooks, charismatic evangelist, Saturday, September 8, 1990 at 8:00 a.m. sharp. The new meeting place for the breakfast fellowship is the Best Western Motel, Main Street and Washington, in Las Vegas. A full course breakfast will be served for \$6.50. Ray Brooks, a French Canadian originally from Montreal, Canada, now lives in Thousand Oaks, California with his wife Jackie and their three children. Ray and Jackie continue their "real joy ministry" of faith all over the United States and to countries all over the world. Come join this fellowship and be blessed.

Pastor and Sis. Donell Horn will be celebrating their ninth pastoral anniversary at 7:00 p.m., Thursday and Friday, August 30 and 31, and at 3:00 p.m., Sunday September 2 at the Greater St. James Missionary Baptist Church, 316 Madison Avenue. All are welcome.

The Unity Baptist Church's Young Adult Department will celebrate their one year anniversary on August 25 and 26. The Voices of Unity choir will conduct a musical along with New Spirit Baptist Mass Choir from Santa Ana, California. Join Unity and New Spirit Baptist on August 25 at 6:00 p.m. at Unity Baptist Church located at 545 Marion Drive, where they will make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Marion Drive is located off Bonanza between Lamb and Nellis Boulevards. New Spirit Baptist Church will sing many selections from their albums. For more information, call 438-7424.

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is because the Black church is the backbone of the civil rights movement and, although there are exceptions, it has not focused on the relationship between spiritual well being and economic determination the way it did on segregation as a form of evil.

Most people consider life a battle, but it is not a battle, it is a game."

"It is a game, however, which cannot be played successfully without the knowledge of spiritual law, and the Old and New Testaments give the rules of the game with wonderful clearness. Jesus Christ taught that it was a great game of Giving and Receiving."

"Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." This means that whatever man sends out in word and deed, will return to him; what he gives, he will receive," writes Florence Scovel Schinn in *The Game of Life And How To Play It*.

However, instead of "playing the game" and prospering, many of us are singing, "You Can Have All the World, But Give Me Jesus." If it were God's plan that Black people constitute one-third of all Americans living below the poverty level, why then did He give us \$350 billion this year? And why does He plan to give us \$900 billion by the year 2000, 10 years from now?

God has done His part; He clearly loves us. But in our quest for freedom from poverty are we relating to this God (reality) of plenty?

Every apple, every Mercedes car, every fur coat,

every dollar bill or new home was put on this earth by God - not by White people. God (love/reality) is our source of supply.

But if you believe in the high god of poverty, he will lavish it on you. If you want nothing, you will get plenty of it. That's not God. That's our ego (the devil in us) creating another illusion.

It is certainly not God's will. Jesus, the Christ set forth a blend of economic and spiritual laws (Luke 4:16-31), which He learned from His Father, God the Creator, at the start of His ministry.

"Physician, heal thyself," exclaims Jesus in Luke 4:23, instructing us to help ourselves. He then placed the responsibility for preaching this gospel in the hands of His followers in Acts 1:7,8.

Today the fate of Black America is in the hands of Black Christian pastors and Muslim Imams. Every Sunday morning at 11 a.m., 21 million (two-thirds of all Blacks) attend 65,000 Black churches. The Kingdom of God is literally and figuratively right in front of us.

Since 1985, I've been explaining to church leaders that they (and the Black community) are losing 95% of the consumer spending of their congregations each

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