

# Religion

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## The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God

The leader of a large church once asked me, "You mean you hear from GOD?" I could have responded, "You mean you DON'T?" The reason many can't hear is because they cannot tune to a voice which they feel they cannot trust.

Take, for instance, the Biblical account of God asking Abraham to sacrifice his son, Isaac (1). Sounds ridiculous to the human mind, doesn't it? Surely a God of love would never make such a request! Yet God DID ask Abraham to do this, having already made plans for a lamb to be caught in a thicket for the sacrifice instead of Isaac. It was a test of Abraham's faith, but it was more than that. It was a foreshadow of a later time when God himself would sacrifice His only Son for

the sins of the world. The victim should have been us, but God provided a Lamb, His own Son, in our place! There was a reason for God's request to Abraham, yet many today would not have listened to God's voice.

Many today do not believe the Bible can be accepted as written. They point to discrepancies in authorship and time frames to prove their position. They fail to see that what has resulted (from whatever source in whatever time) is a composite whole which speaks the Word of God from beginning to end. Its miraculous interweaving is truly amazing! To read and understand it is like putting together a giant jig-saw puzzle, every piece fitting in place.

The Apostle Paul had sat in his

prison chains listening to God's plans for the world. Paul wrote letters to the churches he had established to explain these truths. What he wrote was in perfect agreement with everything

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the prophets and Jesus himself had said. Most of us would have been so upset and angry at being put in prison that we would not have heard these tremendous revelations!

Throughout the Bible, God has

always revealed His will and plans to certain individuals, calling them to perform certain tasks. Those chosen almost invariably wonder why God has chosen them because they are not those the world would choose. Even Jesus' disciples would not be our choice - weak, uneducated fishermen! "But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise, and the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty" (2).

Many churches do not teach spiritual rebirth, the rapture of the church prior to the tribulation, or God's plan to set up a kingdom on earth. The reason these essential truths are not taught is because they sound foolish to the human mind. Rebirth is a miracle, and they no longer believe in miracles. The rapture will be contrary

to the laws of gravity which the scientific mind cannot fathom. Neither can the human mind reason how a God of love could pour His wrath on a sinful world to save it. Yet God's ways are higher than our ways, and His thoughts than our thoughts (3). God wants to save sinners even if He has to bring His judgment upon the earth to do it!

Man may think the wisdom of God is foolishness, but Paul wrote, "the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God" (4). It is man who is foolish, not God!

KJV - Gen 22:1-8; I Cor 1:27; Is 55:8; I Cor 3:19

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## Power of Prayer shown in pastor's engagement

Rev. Fritz Schmitt, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Georgetown, attributes the power of prayer for his engagement to Miss Helena Tenhunen of North York, announced this week.

This is an answer to prayer I have waited to receive for about 20 years, he says.

For Miss Tenhunen the wait has been only ten years, he says, but even their meeting was the result of prayer.

Rev. Schmitt began writing to Miss Tenhunen after Rev. Neil Mittelstaedt, pastor of St. Mark Lutheran Church, Mississauga, mentioned her in a sermon given at Immanuel in September of 1989. At that time Helena was working as the bookkeeper of Murree Christian School in Murree, Pakistan, under the auspices of World Mission Prayer League.

Pastor Mittelstaedt had asked in his sermon that someone consider this woman in their prayers and write to her. The exchange of prayers and letters increased for the next 10 months until Helena returned to Canada last August.

The couple are planning their wedding for next April at Agricola Lutheran Church in North York, Miss Tenhunen's church.

## Apples of Gold

By PENNY WILLIAMS

Thought for the day: Can't I am sure we all have words we dislike in the English language. Mine happens to be can't. We abuse and limit ourselves and others by using the word. Such examples we hear every day, to name just a few:

- "But, I can't do that right now."
- "I just can't accept that person."
- "I can't lose those pounds."
- "I can't stop eating."
- "I can't exercise."
- "I can't do that alone."
- "I can't stand that."

As you know, the list is endless. We all too often begin to sound like a bunch of whiners. There appears to be many people who never used the word. Look at the quadriplegics who learned to write, draw and paint with their mouth. Or, did you know there is a man that plays football

who has no legs? Yet, he gets tackled just as rough as the others. And, the gentleman who sings to the Lord and plays his guitar with his feet because he has no arms. He was born that way and he never believed in "can't."

As we look around and see these wonderful examples, our problems seem to somehow dim. St. Paul learned by going through hardships just like the rest of us. He learned whatever state he found himself in to be content. He was content in all circumstances. Whether he was abased, no matter where he was, or what he was doing, if he was full or hungry, no matter the suffering he learned the secret of contentment. For he believed, "he could do all things through Christ who strengthened him." Phil. 4:13

And, he did.

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