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Image of Ourselves

A Letter From The Editor

Today, there is something we hold in our mind of what we would like to look like; it is, essentially, a vision.

People work very hard to attain and maintain this vision of their body. They will not only starve themselves, but even run themselves ragged by lifting weights in the gym for

John is doing sit-ups to get a six-pack, Samantha is dieting for a flat stomach, Mary wants a thin face and rosy cheeks, Bob is trying to get rid of his spare tire, and John is working on building bigger biceps. Body image is an image that



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A Canoeing Parable

A Thought From A Youth

by Jennifer Garrett

Several summers ago I went on a canoeing trip with a few friends. It was an all-around interesting experience as we did our best not to tip ourselves over. Imagine three inexperienced females, all of them unable to swim, in a single canoe. Are you laughing yet? Well feel free to, for we also had our share of laughs over it. After arriving home and thinking about our small canoeing adventure, I was somehow able to put it into a different perspective. A perspective I felt compelled to share.

oars, and two people to do the work. One person must sit in the back of the canoe and use their oar as a rudder as well as an oar. This person should also know their right from their left, as it very much aids the process. The other person should seat themselves at the front of the canoe and use their oar to get the canoe moving.

I was somehow voted into acting as the rudder, although I was nowhere near experienced with this line of work. Later on in the adventure, my companions agreed with me on that fact. We did try, however, to operate the canoe to the best of our ability. It



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As many may know, a successful canoeing experience requires at least five things; a canoe, water,

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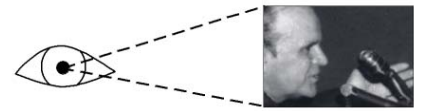
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Make the Vision Plain



HABAKKUK 2:1-2

1: I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved.

2: And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make [it] plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.



The prophet of God is waiting for an answer concerning the people of God - Israel. They are getting ready to go into captivity because of their sins. The answer from God is this: They need the vision of God made plain, and then they can run. If they have the vision, they can live.

As Proverbs 29:18 says "Where [there is] no vision, the people perish..." God is saying, "Give my people clear spiritual eyesight by revelation, and they will be able to live and run spiritually."

I don't know if you ever realized it, but it wasn't until the last 100 years that the invention of television came out. It is something that can take the things we cannot see and transmit them through a screen so we can see them. No generation before has had such an inven-

tion. As Brother Branham showed in the message "Countdown", the natural achievements and advancements of science reflect the spiritual things going on in God's people. It was in the 20th century that man brought the television to us and in the same century God sent a prophet to tell-the-vision to us. Never have the people of God had the vision of God made as plain as in our day. We can rejoice in that, because our day is a time of great confusion and distortion. There are no clear absolutes any more. People have a pretty fuzzy picture of right and wrong. But God sent us a Prophet to clear up all distortions and to make the Word plain so we can run this end time race with all of our might.

I want to explain a little bit about what a vision is, especially to all the young people. It must have been an important thing to Brother Branham as well, as we see in the following 2 quotes about the youth.

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[And I just wished I was--I was a young fellow again, eighteen, twenty years old, and know what I know; how maybe I could stand up a little longer, or visit a few more, or something like that, for the Kingdom of God's sake.](#)

[You young people this morning, that's young, got a lot of youth in you yet, and not family ties and things, may God let you see the](#)

[vision...?... to see what hour we're living.](#)

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Lord Jesus, youth, men and women for tomorrow, if there is a tomorrow, we must train them, Lord. We feel that burden to train them like there will be a tomorrow. If there is not, then today is the day.....

[So we pray, heavenly Father, that they'll catch the vision now, and see and hear that great eternal invitation of "Come, follow Me." May each one of them, Lord, turn aside from all the things of the world, this mortal, fringing, life.](#)

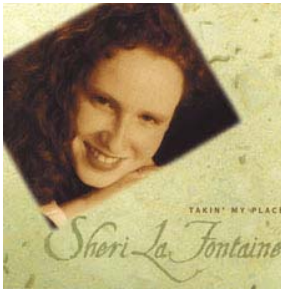
I guess the best way to explain a vision is that God has a purpose and achievement for every age. It is His will and His plan. He makes His will known by giving a prophet a vision of His plan.



This vision is the Word of God. A bible dictionary says a vision means a divine communication, a prophecy, or a word of a prophet. The meaning in my Webster's dictionary was very interesting. First, they say it means "something seen in a dream or trance." Next, they say it means something that is supernaturally revealed." We know that true prophets of God fulfill this first description of a vision because they are built special to see into another

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From One Girl to Another On The Subject of Beauty



True beauty. What is it? What determines whether a girl is beautiful or not?

What's the key ingredient, and does Wal-Mart sell it in a bottle? As a young single sister, I have often asked myself these strange but honest questions. Let me give you a little bit of a background of what prompted me to think about this subject.

For the past three years, I have traveled the United States singing with a denominational group called "The Arnolds." What a great experience it's been for me to share the good news with thousands of people every weekend through song. I never dreamed that I would go the places I have been, or meet the people I have met. It has been awesome. To get the full effect of this story relating to our subject on "true beauty", I want to give you a detailed word picture. Every night, on each side of the stage, there stood a twelve-foot screen. Three to four cameras captured our every move, as a packed house of admirers and sometimes critics listened and watched with anticipation. Southern gospel fans had come to see their "heroes", get autographs, and buy CDs. Little girls wanted to be just like us, and little boys wanted to get their picture taken with us. Sounds glamorous,

doesn't it? But with all this so-called glamour, came a great deal of pressure. If I had a zit, it was no longer a little dot on my face. It was like a six foot tall gorilla. And the little bit of dirt under my fingernail was now a huge black cloud on the screen. Okay, so I'm exaggerating, but you get the idea. During the months that I was on the road, I watched what this kind of pressure did to some of the artists. I watched it control their lives. Many of them had bought into the false idea that who we are is defined by what we look like on the outside. They would stop at nothing, including worldly fashion stage clothing, tons of make-



up, gobs of jewelry, a change in hair color, and even plastic surgery. Complete make-overs occurred so often I could hardly recognize some people from one weekend to the next. I am not talking about the rock music industry, or pop, or even country. This is the Christian music world. What was it that these sincere and very talented divas were looking for? One thing: Beauty.

I watch my little nieces as they float through the house in their princess dress up costumes. To me, this confirms the fact that from girlhood to womanhood each of us has a natural born desire to look pretty. It is

not wrong for us to feel this way.

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1102-188 And of course, I know women wants to look pretty; that's nature; and that--that's what they should be. See? They should be that way. And so, that's fine, but just don't--don't; otherwise like this, don't look like the world (See?); don't pattern after the world...

We are women, and whether young or old, we will always have the longing to look good. I would also like to go on record saying that it is okay and even essential that we, as young Christian ladies, invest some serious time and effort in the



way we appear on the outside. We are to show the world a beautiful reflection of Christ's Bride in this sloppy, careless and often immodest age we live in. In other words, we should not just neglect our outward appearance for fear of putting too much emphasis on it. I don't believe God would have his bride to look like a ragamuffin!

The problem comes when we allow Satan to give us a warped idea of what makes us truly beautiful. He has a special team

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How My Fire Got Lit!



It was June 1967. My brother and I were waiting for my dad to come home from town. He had gone to buy us a softball. Roger and I walked to the old school bus shack to wait for him. While Roger was holding my hand and reading to me the writing on the wall, a drunk driver hit the little shack. The building disintegrated! I woke up about 35 feet up from the shack and in the middle of the road. I walked away unharmed. My brother was pinned between a truck and a tree. He died at the scene. The doctor said every bone in his body had been crushed. When I was older, I realized that God had left me here for a purpose.

The Lord began to deal with my heart at the age of 13. It was at this time that I surrendered my heart to him. I had a great desire to spend time alone with Him and pray. I remember riding the school bus; I couldn't wait to go home to pray under the old hickory tree. This was my favorite spot. Not really knowing how to pray or the words to say, I just told Him, "Lord, I have to have you in my life more than anything else." The Lord just set my spirit on fire! Not knowing what God had planned for my life, I prayed, "God anoint me with the Spirit of a giant killer." I was called into the ministry at the age of 18. I pastored my first church at the age of 19. I needed the Spirit of a giant killer!

I learned to look at the lives of battle-scarred veterans of the gospel. These were ones who were sold out to the Lord Jesus Christ. This meant that I fellowship with saints of precious like faith. I was careful who I let influence me. If their life did not correspond with the Word, I was cautious. I was blessed with Holy Ghost filled grandparents. This meant that I spent a lot of time at their home in North Carolina. I watched my grandpa, as he would pray over his meal; it would turn into a time of worship at the supper table. He would cry and praise the Lord until tears were dripping into his plate of cucumbers, green beans and. They were always singing and creating a sweet spirit in their home. I wanted God in my life, the way that I saw Him in theirs.

Just before God called me into the Ministry, I would take my tent and go into the woods and mountains to pray. I learned at an early age that the strength in a Christian's life is his prayer life. It did not matter that I was different from the world or the young people in my neighborhood, being different for the right thing is a good thing. At the high school that I attended there was one Christian boy and we became best friends.

Now that I am in my forties, I see that in my teenage years, God was preparing me for the rest of my life. I still pray for the Spirit of a giant killer.

Maybe you are reading this testimony and you are a teenager. Strive to develop good habits now at an early age. Brother Branham said that a Christian reads his Bible and prays everyday. As a word of caution, only let a good influence be a light to your life!

- Brother Benjamin Clark



Recently, a film director named Mel Gibson decided to make a movie called *The Passion of Christ*. This film, recently released which shows the last twelve hours of the life of Christ, from the Garden of Gethsemane to his death on Calvary and then a thirty-second scene of the Resurrection at the end of it. It seems there has been much publicity written about it in magazines, newspapers, movie reviews, and many people have been critical of it when they have given other, what I call gory movies, a top rating - but this one they have criticized. I personally believe this criticism is because this movie really touches them where they live and it goes against their unbelief and their blasphemy against the Lord Jesus.

I would highly recommend that if you plan to go to see this film, before you go, read the passion of Christ from the **Gospels**. Read everything you can from Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John and then after you have read that, repent, confess your sins and ask Jesus Christ to forgive your sins. Because if you go without having your sins under the blood, I think you can expect conviction to come upon you.

This movie is violent, it is rated R, it is bloody, but it is amazing how hard the critiques are on it when they turn around

and give something like the *Gladiators* a top rating, which was an extremely gory movie. It showed people being decapitated, emboweled, cut, slashed and just about every type of death that a person could imagine.

This film shows the passion of Christ, which means the suffering of Christ. It is not meant to glorify anything but to show the price he paid physically, as a man, for our sins. The scourging is as violent as I have ever seen. If anybody has seen "Ben Hur" and remember when the man was dragged under the chariot - if that made you squeamish, I want you to know that you will not be prepared to witness what they did to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. They mocked him, they spit on him, they cursed him, and they made fun of him.

When watching the movie or hearing about different scenes, you may say "how do they know such things happened?" Well, like Cecil B. Demil, he had many things in the Ten Commandments that was not mentioned in our Bible. However, these people draw from many ancient manuscripts, they read from history books, they look at the ancient paintings that were there, the statues, the scenes of the ancient people.... they even refer to many materials that are in the Vatican Library. Now I know to

mention the Vatican is to attach to Catholicism, but may I say that when I first heard Brother Branham talk about having a crucifix in his church, that went against my grain. However, Brother Branham said, "Why should we give the Roman Catholics a monopoly on the cross of Jesus Christ?" So many people think just because something has Catholic attached to it, that they can automatically turn it down and criticize it and condemn it. I do not agree with that attitude.

If you know a little about the Catholic faith, you will notice the "Stations of the Cross" are played through the movie. I have walked these stations twice myself and each time I have been touched, because it makes what the Scripture says come alive. Where Jesus fell three times, where he is met by Mary, where his face is wiped with a cloth by Veronica, where Simon is made to help carry the cross and different scenes along the way. You might say, "Well, I don't believe that because it's Catholic." Well, I want you to know that we are Catholic. Catholic means "universal believer." It is the system that we are against, not the people, but you do need to know enough about the scriptures to be able to identify what is true and what is not.

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What Time Is It

Why do we think the Rapture will occur in our lifetime? Is there a timeline somewhere? God's timing is perfect. We know that. However, how do we know where we are on God's timeline? If we are going to study current events, how do we know what is current according to God? As I mentioned in the last issue, it would be impossible to cover all of the relevant quotes and references in the space available here. However, I will do my best to point you to some references so you can study these issues in detail with the help of your own spiritual counselors. Paul taught us that one day to God is as 1000 years to man (II Pet 3:8). Brother Branham taught us that God built the world in six "days," then He rested for a "day," and then He labored in the world for six "days" after the creation. He also taught us that these last six "days" were divided into three two-"day" periods. Each of these periods was about 2000 years long. Brother Branham said that at the end of each 2000-year period "the world is shook back," something very significant happens. At the end of the first period, the world was destroyed by water. At the end of the second period, Christ came. The end of the third period will be marked by the Rapture. What follows that is the 1000-year millennium reign (the seventh "day"). (Ten Virgins, paragraph 161, 60-1211M).

So, what time is it according to God's timeline? Let me stress before I write the next few lines that I am not trying to offer some doctrinal position here. Rather, I would like to challenge you to try think about God's timeline the way He thinks about it. All too often, we fall into the trap of assuming that God sees things the way we see them. In reality, we find that we have often taken things for granted because of what the world has trained us to believe. For example, some would say the year 2000 should have marked the end of the third 2000-year period. It came and went without anything special happening. However, has it really come and gone?

Let me offer this thought. Brother Branham stated that at the end of the second period, "Christ come." One would assume that the same event would mark the beginning of the third period. However, Christ walked the earth for approximately 33 years. Which part of His 33-year tenure do you think God would choose to mark the transition between the second and third periods? Our calendar references Christ's birth as its starting point. However, God did not tell us to remember Christ's birth. He told us to celebrate his Resurrection, because this represented his victory over death and the grave. Indeed, this is His greatest gift to mankind. If our calendar were to have begun with the Resurrection rather than Christ's

birth, then it would have started 33 years later and it would be telling us that the current year is 1971.

Not so fast, Brother Branham also taught us that God's year was 360 days long (Seventy Weeks of Daniel, paragraph 91, 61-0806). He also stressed that God is the same yesterday today and forever. Therefore, if we assumed that God is still using a 360-day year instead of a 365.25-day year, then He is ticking the years off faster than we are. If we apply the ratio of 365.25/360 days to 1971 (for all you math buffs), we find that the current year according to that calendar would be about 1999.7, or roughly June/July of 1999. Has the year 2000 really come and gone? How close are we to the end of the third period? Do not get hung up on a precise date. The Scriptures teach us that no man knows the "day or hour" when He shall come. The point is that we should not assume that God stopped paying attention when our year 2000 came and went.

The Bible says that He is coming to take away a Bride that has "made herself ready" (Rev 19:7). Brother Branham tells us that the Bride makes herself ready with the help of the Holy Ghost. This would include letting her know when to be ready. How does He tell her that? The Scriptures tell us that He will provide signs. We will talk about the "signs of the times" next time.

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countless hours. There are more people than you would first imagine who would willingly sacrifice a greater part of their lives in order to attain their much-wanted vision.

I realize you may have already decided this article is a bash against body images. Perish the thought. I have no problem with body images, I have a few myself. Although before I go on, I would warn that one should not base their self-value on the attainment of this vision they hold of themselves. Nor should one let their guard down against vanity when they begin to realize their vision.

What I am getting at is this: If we are working so hard to attain a vision we have of our natural bodies, which could be cremated within the next week, why do we not strive toward the spiritual vision given us? Certainly we should strive just as hard, in fact harder, towards the realization of the heavenly vision.... Don't you agree?

Now I ask each of you reading this, what is this vision that we should earnestly strive for? Do you agree that there is something more than attaining larger muscles or a more flattering physique? Perhaps you will find your answer in the following quote:

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the Bride came to be--preview of it. There came up the little Bride, lovely, in the vision. And I--not thinking about it, just setting there watching outside. And there come the Bride. I heard a Voice by the side of me, said, "Here is a preview of the Bride." And She came by. I noticed Her, the way she was, very lovely, pretty, young. She was walking just the step as She could, not a march, just in the stride of a--a woman, how they walk gracefully, ladylike. That's the way She was walking, coming to my left on this side. And She went out of my sight.

The Bride was lady-like in the vision. What sets a woman and a real lady apart? Character - and that's what we should be striving for, that is the spiritual body image given us, for we know that the only thing that we take from this life is our character.

So what manner of people ought we to be? If we can exert ourselves and buffet the flesh for the fulfillment of a natural vision, surely we can do the same for our spiritual development. If you diet naturally, you have no excuse for not having a good spiritual diet. If you sacrifice your pleasures and your time for you natural body, you will be held accountable to do the same for your spiritual development. If

people can put themselves on the Atkins diet because of its promise of weight loss, certainly they are able to take a spiritual diet that is administered by the Great Physician with guaranteed success! Weight loss is nothing compared to the loss of negative spiritual baggage!



Throughout this article, I hope I may have given you reason to consider your own spiritual vision. I pray that you too will feel a call to the Vision. It is not a matter of attaining this vision for what others will think of you (your pastor or friends or whomever). It is a vision that the entire Bride has been called to and the entire Bride will attain. You must become convinced that the realization of this Vision is more important than any other visions you hold for yourself - a vision for your body, a career vision, vision for a mate, whatever.

So it comes down to this: How necessary do you feel that this heavenly vision is to you? I will leave you to ponder that question. Catch the vision!

Sincerely Yours In His Service,
Josiah Cornett



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didn't take us an ample amount of time to discover we were experts at moving in tight circles. We also had quite a talent for finding large rocks and logs to run into. After throwing ourselves into several fits of frustration and hilarity, we decided to give everyone a chance at acting as a rudder. In other words, I was a terrible pilot and my friends wanted to subtly replace me without hurting my feelings. I didn't mind in the least and was more than happy to give up my, shall we say, despised position. However, in order to change ourselves around without tipping the canoe over, we decided it would be best for one of us, me of course, to get out of the canoe and wade to the front.



This decided, we paddled as best as we could to a small sand bar. I got out first and realized immediately that we had made a very big mistake. We had thought ourselves quite clever, stopping our canoe in shallow water so that we wouldn't become drenched. Unfortunately, as soon as I stepped into the water, I became about 10 inches shorter. I had stepped into a lake of sand that enveloped my legs and pressurized them to a point where I felt as if I would never lift them again. To say the least, I was stuck. While this drama was unfolding, my friends had carefully switched places while remaining in the canoe. (All *they*

had to do was scoot themselves back a seat, whilst I had to jump out and brave the infested waters!)

After informing them of my dilemma, they each grabbed one of my arms and pulled, while I did my best to lift up my legs. It took all our strength to pull me back in and to not tip over the canoe in the process, but we managed it. I lost my favorite pair of flip-flops in the mess, but decided later it was a price I was willing to pay. After securing myself as the front paddler, I began to take notice of my appearance. From my knees down, I looked like a sand castle in a hurricane. I had mud and sand caked all over my legs, ankles, and toes. I was definitely a mess. Finally, after all that effort, we were able to canoe yet again. The friend who was now acting as a rudder discovered she had quite a knack for it and I found that I was pretty good at getting our canoe up to speed. No longer did we paddle in circles and run into various aquatic plants. We were doing well.



That canoe trip was quite the adventure. I discovered a lot about it later. In perspective, that canoe was very much like our walk with God. Sometimes we try to act as the rudder of our lives. Instead of sailing smoothly down the stream, we steer ourselves all over the place, and run into rocks, trees, and even sandbars. In my canoe, I realized that I couldn't steer very well. I simply was not good at it.

Therefore I reached the conclusion that someone else must steer. We can't guide our own lives, we need to move over and let God have His way. Unfortunately for me, I didn't just move over, I got pulled under! I took one step out of that canoe and into the quicksand of the world I went. I removed myself from that walk with Christ and was pulled under by the world. And you know what? I couldn't get out of it alone. It took someone else's help combined with my own strength to get myself out of that mess. I had to work with God to get back into that Holy Walk. And when I did get myself back into the canoe, I made sure I was in the front of the canoe. I assigned myself to paddling no matter what, letting God be my guide. When I worked with someone who could guide the canoe, we sailed smoothly down the stream.

It's a symbolic adventure. I know many of you reading this can apply this to your own life, as I can to mine. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. God wants to guide and direct us, we just need to move over and let Him. No matter what, just keep paddling. May the Lord Bless you all!

- Jennifer Garrett

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dimension. They go into something like a trance and can see the past, present, future, and whatever else God allows them to see. Think about how God even allowed Brother Branham to see Marilyn Monroe while she was dying at 4 a.m. in the morning. Marilyn was of course the hottest Hollywood actress back in that day. She would be a modern day Julia Roberts or Nicole Kidman. If God could let His prophet see that, it should show us that God knows what's going on in this age. If he knew Marilyn Monroe, he certainly knows you. And just think, she never got to see the Message of Christ like you can see it today. That should make you rejoice.

The second meaning Webster gave is where we come in. We are not built to see visions like a prophet, but we can catch the same exact vision when it is supernaturally revealed in our hearts. We actually are the ones to step into God's vision of this age and live it out. Let me challenge you with this question. Which is greater, a prophet seeing a vision or God's people living out the vision? Think about it. Isn't it wonderful to realize that what the prophet sees and speaks becomes tangible in us, His people? Many times it is the next generation that catches the vision and carries it on. An example of this is Timothy in the Bible. Paul was a prophet and saw visions, He said in **Acts 26 "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision."** In **Philippians 2** he says he had

no man like minded except Timothy. Evidently Timothy caught the same vision as Paul, so much that Paul could trust him with the care of the people. There is no scripture that says Timothy had seen visions like Paul, but he caught the vision for that hour in His heart.

What about us? We need to see ourselves in the vision for this end time. If you have not caught the vision for this day, pray that you will. When you do, the Word will become clear to you. Your purpose for being alive will become clear. You will see the Word and the Message in a way you have never seen it before. Maybe right now all you see is rules and a religion your parents follow. But when *you* catch the vision, it isn't that at all. You see yourself as part of God's achievement for this day. He has a purpose and you are part of seeing that purpose carried out. He will get glory to Himself through your life.

I believe the prophet's word is God's vision. It is a clear vision. And God has set it up in a way that as you feed on His Word, the vision becomes clearer and clearer all the time. At the beginning of this article, I said the natural achievements of science are a type of what is going on spiritually. Did you notice as time goes on they keep coming out with screens on TVs that become more and more clear all time? What makes up the picture on



the screen is small dots called pixels. On a traditional analog TV screen, there is an effective pixel resolution of 210,000 pixels. The new digital screens have advanced so much they contain about 2,000,000 pixels. Praise the Lord! Our vision is becoming clearer all the time. As God adds more small revelation pixels in our heart, the picture of Him becomes crystal clear. This is God's desire. To make the vision, God's Word and purpose of the hour, plain so we can run. God Bless each of you.

- Brother Paul LaFontaine

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of demons working on this mission even as we speak. The demons of complexes! If you allow them, they will put you in bondage for your whole entire life, from kindergarten to the grave. Yes, Satan is a good one for destroying the inner peace and confidence of a beautiful sister, and he will rule you if you



let him. He is in the rack at the supermarket checkouts and in every movie theater or video that displays Hollywood's best. From the local salon to your own car as you pass billboards on the highway, he is always working overtime to try to get you to buy into feeling inferior. He constantly plasters our world with pictures of girls that we will never measure up to physically. Oh come on... you DID know that every one of those photos has been digitally re-touched to perfection didn't you... that you would never recognize those models in real life if you met them on the street! (Can you imagine the complexes those girls must have knowing that some computer graphic design guy is going to change their shape to make it more "acceptable to the public"?)

And out of all these places, Satan's all-time favorite hangout would have to be... are you sitting down girl friend...? **the girl's dorm at a message believing youth camp.** The father of lies rejoices with the insecurities inflicted by his

demons of complexes even within our own ranks. He's always trying to pressure the beautiful daughters of God, and conform them to what the world calls beauty. What a fool! Don't let him do it, sister! Complexes are not of God. (Even if you are a chubby redhead <wink>) God has called us to be free from such things. Pray, and ask God to deliver you from feeling inferi-

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May we shine with the pure radiance of peace and inner happiness that only God can give! Always remember, if you have God living in your heart, you ARE truly beautiful.

Below are the words to a song I heard from one of my vocal students. I plan to record it on my next CD.

**That's what makes you
beautiful**

By Cherrie Call

Look at all the lights
Look at the shows
All the glamorous people
That claim to know
What perfection is

And what makes beauty stay
But when all the styles go out
And the labels fade away

It's what you give that makes
you beautiful
It's how you live that makes your
dreams come true
Keep your faith in His Word; let
the light of the Lord shine
through
That's what makes you beautiful

Nothing burns as bright
Nothing shimmers so
As the smile of a friend
When hope is running low
And how your hand feels warm
When you dry a tear
Love is still in fashion
At the end of every year

Even roses fade away in the
snow
But the beauty in you heart can
only grow

Your Sister,
Sherri LaFontaine

THE PASSION - A REVIEW
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In the movie, you will see the scourging of Jesus Christ portrayed in a very realistic manner. When I saw it the first time I wondered "My, was it really that bad? Did



they beat him from the back of his head down to the soles of his feet and then turn him over and beat on the other side? But then I found the quote where Brother Branham said he looked like he had gone through a meat grinder. Brother Branham also said that they laid his rib cage open, until you could see his innards. The movie also shows Christ bones being disjoined when they put him on the cross, but they never break his bones, just as the psalmist David said.



In one place Brother Branham says, "I want to be like Mary and John, and stand at the foot of the cross where the blood can flow over me." You will see this scene in the Passion, where the water and blood gushes out and sprays over Mary, John, and the soldier that pierced his side.

What do I think of the Passion? Again, I say if you go, be sure that you repent before you go. I think what impressed me most with the movie is that I saw that Jesus was willing to endure all that. In the Garden of Gethsemane, he volunteered and said, "I am he." He turned to

Peter and said "Peter, put up your sword." When he was before Pilate, there were times in the scene you can see if he had just said something to Pilate, Pilate would have defended him. Instead, he said, "You have no power unless my Father gives it to you and it is my Father that has delivered it up to you." When the high priest questioned him, Jesus said "For this cause was I born." He could have called ten thousand angels. To Herod he could have defended himself. He willingly took my place. What should you and I say then?

Conclusion: Being one that had the privilege to know Brother Branham, I believe Brother Branham would go see this movie. Think of the event. The sun hid its face, the moon turned to blood, the earthquake shook the whole area. I guess the most triumphant moment that I felt was when the priest were standing in that temple and the veil was rent in twain, and showed all of us could now approach the Throne of God for our own sins! Yes, there is only a very brief take of the resurrection, but I think they did that because they did not want everyone to leave there with a triumphant feeling, but one knowing the passion of Christ - being impacted that he suffered and died for our sins.

Edited and transcribed from an audio recording (Brother Green chose to record his review for us). You may listen to this review first-hand if you like. It is located in the resources section of our website.

STEPS TO CALVARY

Put your hand in My hand
- We'll walk this narrow
way -
Your load I'll gladly carry -
So please don't turn away.
Many others soon forgot
Me, to view this lonely road
If they'd but once remembered -
They had MY hand
to hold.

It grieved My soul so greatly
as these returned to sin
- I gave them all My blessings,
but their hearts I
didn't win.

For I came to give them
life - Each one, abundantly
- They only had to follow
My steps to Calvary.

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LOUISIANA SPRING CAMP!

Spring Camp in Louisiana is a great time of fellowship and gathering around the word. With over two hundred young people, you are sure to make some new friends and enjoy the all the licks of fire during the youth oriented services.

Many of the YQN staff are attending or have attended this camp in the past and we would highly recommend it. For more info - refer to the next page. (Camp runs from April 8th through the 11th).

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GENDER? Female

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INTERESTS? I enjoy travelling, listening to music and reading. I love working with children and that is why I decided to become a kindergarden teacher.

*A pen is a friend,
but O, how much
better it is when you
have two pens to be
friends!*

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Brother Tim Pruitt, Camp Director
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April 8 - 11
Where: Dry Creek Baptist Camp Grounds, Dry Creek LA (337) 328 7531 (*During Camp only)

Camp Speakers
Bro. Ron Spencer & Bro. Danny Stemen

CAMP RULES: Must be 13 years old or older in 2004 (No Fudging)

1. Every camper must be pre-registered and pre-paid - limited space is available - first come-first served. UNMARRIED YOUNG PEOPLE or young adults will not be allowed to participate in any activities or services UNLESS REGISTERED and staying at camp.
2. Check-in is required before going to the dorms.
3. Campers must keep dorms neat and clean and are responsible for any damage. We are not responsible for items left behind.
4. Anyone leaving the grounds must notify the Camp Director
5. All will be required to attend all services and activities.
6. All must go to their assigned dorms when the Director calls "Lights Out!"
7. No Sound tracks are allowed for singing
8. All Keyboards must be pre-approved.
9. Campers, whether youth or adults, should dress modestly in harmony with Bro. Branham's teachings. Please don't embarrass us by making us embarrass you. DRESS CODES WILL BE ENFORCED.
10. The following items are NOT acceptable: jogging pants, tank tops, blouses that show the belly, shorts, slit or split skirts, radios, any kind of tobacco, etc.

THINGS TO BRING:

Bedding (twin size sheets, blankets, sleeping bag, pillow), jacket, towels, soap, shampoo, etc., Bible, Notebook, pen, umbrella; (Pray for Sunshine!)

CAMP FEE & HOW TO PAY:

Camp fee is \$65.00 if postmarked on or before March 21; \$70.00 after March 21, Payment must be in the form of a check or money order, made payable to Evening Light Tabernacle. Limited space available for married couples \$85 per person includes meals. Canadians, please submit, in U.S. Funds, check or money order drawn from U.S. Bank. There is limited space and it will be reserved on first come, first served basis.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Please note: Extremely limited space available for transportation to camp. Please make flight arrangements to fly into Shreveport Regional Airport. FLIGHTS SHOULD ARRIVE IN SHREVEPORT BY 1:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, APRIL 8TH. Anyone booking tickets for a later arrival time must be responsible for their own transportation to camp. Please call or e-mail Bro. Tim Pruitt with flight plans BEFORE booking tickets so arrangements can be made for your transportation. It is approximately 3 hours from the Shreveport airport to Camp. Some may wish to fly into Lake Charles, LA which is about 50 miles from camp but those who do so must provide their own transportation to Camp. Other suggestions are to fly to Houston and rent a vehicle to camp.

Motels: Best Western 337-462-3665, Stagecoach Inn (DeRidder's newest) 1-866-462-0022 toll free

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