

Countdown to Seminar!

Joe Slater

Our “Truth about Origins” seminar with Brad Harrub starts Friday, April 11, at 7 PM. This has been in the works for well over a year, but the time is at hand!

We’ve advertised through mass mail, and will see the newspaper ads April 9 (Wednesday). These will be notably more effective when combined with personal invitations from us. If you haven’t already invited friends, relatives, co-workers, neighbors, and others, now is the time! **If you don’t ask, then the answer is “no.”**

Obviously, every member of this congregation must put forth the extra effort required to be present for every session of this seminar. Two hours Friday night, another two Hours Saturday night, and three on Sunday – that isn’t too much to ask! We’d do it for a good movie. We’d do it for a ball tournament. Will we do it for God?

Brother Harrub is both well-qualified and well-prepared to communicate to us some critically-important lessons that are timely and desperately needed. We would do ourselves and the Lord a disservice by choosing to be somewhere else.

Please pray fervently about this seminar. Pray for brother Harrub and his family as they make their way here. Pray for favorable weather that will encourage good attendance. Pray for an abundance of visitors to hear these great lessons. Pray for all of us to be good hosts and hostesses.

A big *Thank You* to the many who have been involved in the planning and preparation for this event!

Soldiers of Christ, arise

And put your armor on!

Are You Faithful?

In his book, *Among the Missing*, Robert Nash tells the remarkable story of Anna N. Fellows. One day in 1879 Anna’s husband came home to discover that she had left him without a word. For twenty years there was no word or trace of Anna.

Then one day her husband came home to find her in the kitchen fixing supper as if she had never been gone. She refused to explain where she had been, and somehow they settled down to try to revive their home life. But after three years Anna left again – this time she never returned.

No one would think of using the word “faithful” to describe her behavior. Obviously, her husband received far less of her loyalty than he had a right to expect.

But this is the way many people treat God! They vanish from the assembly of the saints for weeks on end. Then they come back and sing, “Oh, How I Love Jesus” as if they really mean it!

Faithfulness means giving our Lord the preeminence, the precedence, and the priority in all things! He expects and has the right to expect no less!

-- Bobby Dockery (via Bulletin Gold)

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Life on earth is expensive

But it does include a free trip around the sun every year!

Ahab's Undoing

Ahab was the wicked king of Israel, the husband of wicked Jezebel. He and the king of Judah wanted to reclaim territory taken by the king of Syria. They would not attack Syria without first consulting prophets. Many false prophets told the kings exactly what they wanted to hear: "Go up and take the land." The king of Judah was suspicious and inquired whether there were any prophets of the LORD who would speak only what God had revealed to them. The messengers went to summon the prophet Micaiah to appear before the kings and suggested that he agree with the other prophets. Micaiah said, *"As the LORD lives, what the LORD says to me, that I shall speak"* (1 Kings 22:14 NASU).

Before the kings, the prophet uttered words that sounded like he agreed with the false prophets, but his tone must have indicated that he was being facetious. *"Then the king said to him, 'How many times must I adjure you to speak to me nothing but the truth in the name of the LORD?'"* (1 Kings 22:16 NASU).

Then the prophet warned the kings of the impending disaster in such military action against Syria. The kings disregarded the warning and Ahab was mortally wounded in battle.

There are people who are satisfied to listen to false prophets, teachers of error, and go headlong into destruction. There are others who want to know the truth, learn it, and in spite of the truth do what they had intended to do anyway. These are more foolish than the former. But knowing the truth and not obeying it has the same results as willfully believing a lie and disobeying God.

Today, we are confronted with Satanic lies and doctrines of demons. Truth is being perverted to justify every conceivable act of man. But pity the poor fellow who knows the truth and does not obey it. Such is rebellion before God. Samuel told King Saul: *"For rebellion is as the sin of divination, And insubordination is as iniquity and idolatry"* (1 Sam 15:23 NASU).

James said, *"Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins"* (4:17).

--Rob Redden (Arroyo Grande, CA)