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Why Did God Create the Mosquito?

By Pastor Alfred B. Davis

There's nothing finer than sitting outside on a cool summer evening, enjoying a good book or conversation with family and friends. That is, until you hear the high-pitched whine of a mosquito buzzing around your ear. Now, I know it says in Genesis 1:31, "And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good." But that mosquito buzzing around your ear? Really?

Really.

The key to understanding why God could say that creating the mosquito is not only good, but very good can be found in Genesis 1:29-31:

²⁹And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for

meat. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so. ³¹And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

In this passage we learn that human beings were originally given "every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed...for meat." Meaning, we were originally created as vegetarians. Furthermore, all the animals were "given every green herb for meat" as well. Consequently, all animals – including mos-

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The Breedlove Papers: John Bunyan's Trial

Courthouse in Bedfordshire on October 3, in the Year of our Lord, 1660. The Accused is charged with willful and deliberate Violation of various and sundry Royal and Parliamentary Edicts. His Trial this Day, however, respects a single Charge: namely, Violation of the Conventicle Act, first proposed by Her Most High and Mighty Majesty, our Late Beloved Queen Elizabeth, and reinstated by His Beneficent Highness, King Charles II. All Parties being in Place, and the Witnesses having been sworn, the trial proceeds.

JUDGE WINGATE (JW): Mr. Bunyan, you stand before this Court accused of persistent and willful transgression of the Conventicle Act, which prohibits all British subjects from absenting themselves from worship in the Church of England, and from conducting worship services apart from our Church. You come, presumably, with no legal training, and yet without counsel. I must warn you, sir, of the gravity of the charge,

the harshness of the penalty, in the event of your conviction, and the foolhardiness of acting as your own counsel in so serious a matter. Are you cognizant of these facts, and do you understand the charge?

JOHN BUNYAN (JB): I am, and I do, M'lord.

JW: In truth, I hope you do. Now, I hold in my hand the depositions of the witness against you. In each case, they have testified that, to your knowledge, you have never, in your adult life, attended services in the church of this parish. Each further testifies that he has observed you, on numerous occasions, conducting religious exercises in and near Bedford. These depositions have been read to you, have they not?

JB: They have, M'lord.

JW: In that case, then, this court would be profoundly interested in your response to them.

JB: Thank you M'lord. And may I say that I am grateful for the opportunity to respond. Firstly, the depositions speak the truth. I have never at-

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Coming Events at the BBC

AUGUST 2024

4 - 27th Anniversary of Pastor Davis at RBBC
18 - 18th Anniversary of Live with Pastor Al on the radio

SEPTEMBER 2024

2 - Labor Day
11 - Patriot Day
15 - RBBC 42nd Anniversary Celebration

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A Letter from the Cherokee Delegates The Baptist Missionary Magazine, 1845

The following letter appears to have been occasioned by an intimation that the Board were about to send a messenger to the Mission. This measure may not be carried into effect, though it would, doubtless, be attended with much good. The letter breathes an excellent spirit, and will be read with interest. It is dated at Cherokee, Cherokee Nation, Aug. 27, 1845.
Honored and Dear Brethren -

We, the delegates from the churches in connexion with the Baptist Mission in the Cherokee Nation, have heard, with great pleasure, that our beloved brethren, the members of the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions, have it in contemplation to send one of their number to visit us.

We have received from you so many marks of love to us, and care for the perfecting of the work of the Lord among us, that another opportunity to express our thankfulness to one of yourselves would be occasion of great satisfaction.

We had great pleasure in the interviews we had with our beloved br. A-dsi-nu-si-du (Bacon). We have not forgotten the pleasant day he spent with us at this place, giving us personal instruction in the word of God; and how he exhorted us all, "that with purpose of heart we would cleave unto the Lord." Willi that visit our hearts were comforted, and the hands of our instructors [sic] strengthened. And, we trust, the savor of it is not yet lost. It was an occasion of great joy to us to welcome him to our country, and we feel ready with equal cordiality to receive any one of your number, or of your appointing, who may visit us again. And we shall rejoice to receive the message of the Lord from his mouth.

The printing press, which was purchased when our br. Bacon was here, has been in successful operation. We have already received much instruction through it, and if the Lord shall spare the lives and health of those who use it, we hope to receive much more. Much information also has been diffused among our people by the same means. The advantages we receive through the press, we estimate very highly, and our thanks for these rich privileges are unceasing.

We hope, if it be possible, that we shall not be disappointed of the visit we so earnestly look for.

Allow us to say, that at our meetings we do not forget you in our prayers. You, and many brethren now with God, remembered us when we knew nothing; when we cared not for our own souls. By the mercy of God we now pray for you, and for the spread of the gospel, by your labors, among other nations.

We are thankful that we have evidence that the gospel is still extending its influence, though we have had to mourn over some individuals who have acted unworthily.

We have four days' meetings appointed at several places, and if the visit of our beloved brother should be at the time of one of those meetings, it would be a high gratification to us and to our people, to have the pleasure of his company. The meetings are appointed as follows: - at Cherokee, the fourth Sabbath in September; at Dsiyohee, the fourth in October, and at Delaware Town, the third in November, commencing at each place on the Friday

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

Roger & Tammy Tooley
Church Planting in England
(Currently on the Field)

John Yingling
General Director
Baptist International Outreach
Jefferson City, Tennessee

Mike & Debby Drust
Church Planting in Albania
(Currently on the Field)

Mt. Pisgah
Bible Printing Ministry
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church
Oliver Springs, Tennessee

Jim Robideau
Lighthouse Legal Ministries
at Lighthouse Baptist Church
Ashtabula, Ohio

Jim & Emi Civalo
Church Planting Assistance
in the Samoan Islands
(Currently in the USA)

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quitoes – were created originally as vegetarians, too.

Wait a minute, didn't we learn in biology that human beings and many animals are omnivores, eating both meat and plants, and that other animals are either carnivores, eating primarily meat, or herbivores (vegetarians) with a plant-based diet? Clearly this contradicts what the Bible says in Genesis 1:29-31, doesn't it?

Actually, no. According to the Bible, in the original state of creation all human beings and animals were created as herbivores, not omnivores or carnivores. Meat eating and animal-based diets came along after the Fall when God placed a curse upon the world. Things that God had created as good became twisted and perverse. Thorns and thistles began to spring forth and some animals began preying on other animals.

To better understand how this could be, we need to take a look at the basic digestive systems, dental structures, and other physical attributes of various animals in relation to their diets. Herbivores, for instance, generally possess flat teeth for grinding vegetation and complex digestive systems, like cattle, goats, and sheep, or other adaptations and behaviors, as in horses and rabbits, to enable them to break down tough grasses. Carnivores typically have sharp, pointed teeth and simple digestive systems, like dogs and cats. Omnivores generally have teeth and digestive systems somewhere between those of herbivores and carnivores, like people and monkeys.

However, in order to see how carnivores and omnivores could have developed after God cursed the earth, let's take a look at some specialized herbivores called frugivores. Frugivores are animals that primarily eat fruits. Because fruits are typically more nutrient dense and easier to digest than leaves and grasses, frugivores tend to have simpler digestive systems than other herbivores. They also tend to have sharp claws that can grab onto a fruit and rip into it and more pointed snouts and sharp teeth for tearing out chunks of fruit while they eat.

A good example of frugivores are the Samoan flying fox (*Pteropus samoensis*) and the White-necked or Tongan fruit bat (*Pteropus tonganus*). While planting a church in American Samoa as missionaries in the 1990's, my wife and I lived

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Words Worth Considering...



"A scared world needs a fearless church."
—A.W. Tozer

"My standard definition for antisemitism is as follows: Antisemitism is the irrational, satanic hatred of the Jewish people and Israel, characterized by thoughts, words and/or deeds against them. I have yet to see a definition of antisemitism that includes the words satanic or demonic. That aspect of the problem is seldom, if ever, mentioned but it is a key, if not THE key component."
—Olivier Melnick

"God suffers because of the great multitudes whom His sacred Word cannot reach. Religious truth is captive in a small number of manuscript books which guard the treasures. Let us break the seal which holds the holy things; give wings to the truth that by a means no longer written at great expense by the hand that wears itself, but multiplied by an unwearied machine, it may fly to every soul born in the world."
—Johannes Gutenberg (c. 1400–1468)

"If religious books are not widely circulated among the masses in this country I do not know what is to become of us as a nation. If truth is not diffused, error will be. If God and His Word are not known and received, the Devil and his works will gain the ascendancy. If the evangelical volume does not reach every hamlet, the pages of a corrupt and licentious literature will."
—Daniel Webster

"If you knew how quickly people would forget about you after your death, you will not seek in your life to please anyone but God."
—John Chrysostom (circa 387)

"I did greatly long to make them think of Jesus. Oh, that I could once speak of him somewhat as a man ought to speak."
—John A. Broadus

"People need to realize that a church which isn't patterned after the New Testament Church isn't the Lord's church, does not have the Spirit abiding in it, and therefore doesn't have a candlestick in it, but is nothing more than a mere human invention, no matter what it may be in the sight of man. To the reader may we ask this question, Whence is your church, of heaven or of the earth? Is it the Lord's church, or is it some man's church? If it is of man, may God grant you grace to realize it, admit it, repudiate it, and accept the Lord's blood-bought church."
—Davis W. Huckabee

"The truth for most of the Democrat Party is that its true faith isn't in Christ. Rather, it's in government. The power of government is the religion of many politicians, and this is especially so of the Democrat Party. This helps explain why Trump and his fellow Republicans are considered such an existential threat."
—Thomas Gallatin



MINISTRY FOCUS



Great Time At the Summit County Fair!

Despite some rain on the first two days of the fair, attendance was good and traffic at our booth was the best we've seen since before Covid. Many stopped to see "3 THINGS GOD CANNOT DO", giving us the opportunity to engage quite a few people in conversation about God and the Bible, share the Gospel, and give away balloon bunnies and origami Gospel birds along with many Gospel tracts.

Ministry Milestones:

- Sunday, August 4: Pastor Al Davis celebrates 27 years as Pastor of the Richfield Bible Baptist Church.
- Sunday, August 18: Our radio ministry, "Late Night Live with Pastor Al" celebrates 18 years on the radio.
- Sunday, September 15: Richfield Bible Baptist Church celebrates 42 years of ministry in Richfield, Ohio. †

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tended services in the Church of England, nor do I intend ever to do so. Secondly, it is no secret that I preach the word of God whenever, wherever, and to whomever He pleases to grant me opportunity to do so. Having said that, M'lord, there is a weightier issue that I am constrained to address. I have no choice but to acknowledge my awareness of the law which I am accused of transgressing. Likewise, I have no choice but to confess my guilt in my transgression of it. As true as these things are, I must affirm that I neither regret breaking the law, nor repent of having broken it. Further, I must warn you that I have no intention in future of conforming to it. It is, on its face, an unjust law, a law against which honorable men cannot shrink from protesting. In truth, M'lord, it violates an infinitely higher law-- the right of every man to seek God in his own way, unhindered by any temporal power. That, M'lord, is my response.

JW: This Court would remind you, sir, that we are not here to debate the merits of the law. We are here to determine if you are, in fact, guilty of violating it.

JB: Perhaps, M'lord, that is why YOU are here, but it is most certainly not why I am here. I am here because you compel me to be here. All I ask is to be left alone to preach and to teach as God directs me. As, however, I must be here, I cannot fail to use these circumstances as an opportunity to speak against what I know to be an unjust and odious edict.

JW: Let me understand you. You are arguing that every man has a right, given him by Almighty God, to seek the Deity in his own way, even, if he chooses, without benefit of the English Church?

JB: That is precisely what I am arguing, M'lord. Or without benefit of any church.

JW: Do you know what you are saying? What of Papists and Quakers? What of pagan Mohammedans? Have these the right to seek God in their own misguided way?

JB: Even these M'lord.

JW: May I ask if you are particularly sympathetic to the views of these or other such deviant religious societies?

JB: I am not, M'lord.

JW: Yet you affirm a God-given right to hold any alien religious doctrine that appeals to the warped minds of men?

JB: I do, M'lord.

JW: I find your views impossible of belief. And what of those who, if left to their own devices, would have no interest in things heavenly? Have they the right to be allowed to

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in a small house on CanCo Hill in Pava'ia'i. Just outside our backyard, just before the hill dropped away steeply, we had several papaya trees growing. One night, we heard something in the trees and went out to see what was going on. Shining a flashlight up in the trees we saw what looked like foxes hanging upside down in the trees eating papayas. They had pointy muzzles and teeth and forward-facing eyes just like real foxes. They had sharp claws on their feet to hang onto the tree and claws on their wings to help grab the fruits. If I did not know that they were fruit bats, I could have easily been convinced that they were carnivores based on their appearance.

The very characteristics that made some animals suitable for a diet of primarily fruits, i.e. pointy snouts and sharp teeth for reaching into the fruit and tearing off chunks of it, along with sharp claws for grabbing onto fruits and tearing through tough rinds and coverings, and simpler digestive systems are the very characteristics that enabled them after the curse of Genesis chapter 3 to become carnivorous. Likewise, some animals that were designed to eat a variety of fruits, nuts, seeds, leaves, stems, and roots would have had the same characteristics as omnivores, such as a mix of sharp and flat teeth.

But, getting back to the mosquito, what possible diet could they have had before the curse of Genesis 3 that would account for their blood-thirsty ways? Short answer: their current diet. Minus the blood-sucking part, of course.

Here is what I mean. The life cycle of the mosquito has four stages: egg, larva, pupa, adult. After the eggs are laid, they hatch into larvae within a few days to a few months, depending on environmental conditions. The larval stage lasts about 4-14 days, depending on species and environmental conditions. During the larval stage mosquitos mostly feed by filtering micro-organisms like bacteria, protozoa, and fungi, and organic matter like decaying leaves while excreting nitrogen and other nutrients that encourage plant growth. After the larval stage, mosquitos cease eating and develop into pupae. Generally, the pupal stage only lasts 2-3 days before the pupa metamorphosizes into an adult mosquito. Male mosquitos usually

emerge first and only live for about a week or so. Female mosquitos, on the other hand may live for several months.

Once the adult mosquitos emerge, they begin one of their most important roles as pollinators. Yes, pollinators. They feed on nectar from flowers, picking up pollen and transferring it from flower to flower (and you thought only bees did that!). This was their intended role. However, after the curse of Genesis 3, a change took place. The female mosquito now requires blood in order to lay eggs. Presumably, before the curse, female mosquitos were able to get the needed nutrients, namely iron, proteins, and other amino acids, from their plant-based diet. Consequently, the female mosquito, not the male, now seeks out animal or human blood in order to reproduce. The rest of the time, like the males, female mosquitos continue to function much like they did before the curse, drinking nectar and pollinating flowers as God intended.

Knowing why God created mosquitos and how they came to be the pests they are is one thing, but dealing with them is another thing entirely. They are more than annoying, they spread malaria, dengue fever, Zika virus, West Nile virus, and other diseases, even death. In fact, mosquitos are probably responsible for more human deaths than any other creature. However, the Bible offers hope that one day the natural order will be restored to that prior to the curse. Consider, for instance, Isaiah 11:6-9:

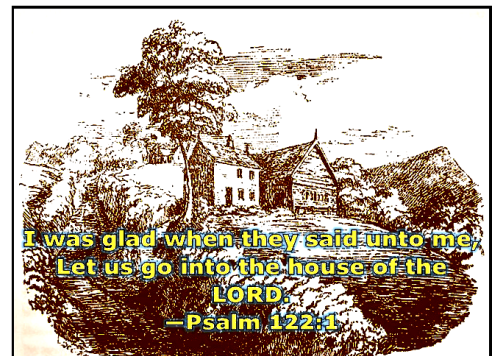
⁶The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. ⁹They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

This passage in Isaiah describes the Millennial Reign of Christ, the time after the coming seven year Tribulation period and the second coming of Jesus to set up

His Kingdom on earth. One of the conditions of the Millenium appears to be a restoration of peace and order to the natural realm including the removal of predation and the dangers of poisonous snakes. Consequently, it seems likely that the necessity of female mosquitos needing a blood meal in order to lay eggs might be removed as well. But, if there is any doubt, we can rest assured that in the new earth, following the Millennial Kingdom, we will be absolutely free from mosquito bites. After all, Revelation 22:3 tells us that "there shall be no more curse".

Of course, the only way to enjoy this world without the curse, is by putting your faith in Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Saviour in order to be free from your personal curse of sin. And, free from the curse of sin and no longer prey to that mosquito buzzing around our ear, while sitting outside on a cool summer evening, enjoying a good book or conversation with family and friends, we will agree with Genesis 1:31, "And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good."

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A Letter from the Cherokee Delegates

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before and continuing till Monday.

We shall also be glad to have a meeting, at this place, of the delegates from the churches at the time of the contemplated visit.

We pray that the peace of God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, may ever be with you. Amen.

Signed by Ga-ni-da or John Wickliffe, and twenty-four others, members of the meeting.

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continue unmolested in their error?

JB: It is my fervent belief that they do, M'lord.

JW: And on what basis, might I ask, can you make such a rash affirmation?

JB: On the basis, M'lord, that a man's religious views--or lack of them--are matters between his conscience and his God, and are not the business of the Crown, the Parliament, or even, with all due respect, M'lord, of the Court. However, much I may be in disagreement with another man's sincerely held religious beliefs, neither I nor any other may disallow his right to hold those beliefs. No man's rights in these affairs are secure if every other man's rights are not equally secure.

JW: It is obvious, sir, that you are a victim of deranged thinking. If my ears deceive me not, I must infer from your words that you believe the State to have no interest in the religious life of its subjects.

JB: The State, M'lord, may have an interest in anything in which it wishes to have an interest. But the State has no right whatever to interfere in the religious life of its citizens.

JW: You are a tinker by trade, are you not, Mr. Bunyan?

JB: That is correct, M'lord.

JW: Would you mind apprising this Court of the extent of your formal schooling?

JB: Not at all, M'lord. Able I am to read and write, and that with difficulty.

JW: I surmised as much. I think I perceive why you are unable to appreciate the disaster that would accompany your views should ever they hold sway in our society. I myself--and I say this in all modesty--am not inconsiderably trained in the historian's discipline. If you were half so well-versed yourself, you would instantly recognize the fatal flaw in your reasoning. Throughout history, virtually every significant human tragedy has come about as a result of divergent religious views. Nation against nation. Brother against brother. War. Destruction. Devastation. Time and time again. And why? I shall tell your why, sir. It is because men cannot agree on which God to worship, and how to worship Him Now, after a long and arduous struggle, we have succeeded in forging a conformity in the religious beliefs of all Englishmen. All our problems will be resolved when everyone finally agrees to accommodate himself, and adopt the same orthodoxy of religious opinion. No more religious wars! No more divisive doctrinal disputes! Think of it, Mr. Bunyan! Does this not portend a society of which any man would be proud

and happy to be a part?

JB: To a degree, M'lord, it admittedly does. But only if everyone can be convicted by virtue of reasoning alone to adopt identical views of God. The society that you describe is an appealing one, but I fear the cost is far too high. It would necessitate that honest men repudiate convictions honestly held.

JW: You are, Mr. Bunyan, a strong-willed and opinionated man. Yet, this Court finds it fascinating to speak with you, and wishes, time permitted, further discussion of our respective philosophies. But, alas, time is passing swiftly, and other cases await our attention. Let us move, then, to the matter before us, shall we? The evidence I hold in my hand--even apart from your own admission of guilt--is sufficient to convict you, and the Court is within its right to have you committed to prison for a considerably long time. I do not wish to send you to prison, Mr. Bunyan. I am aware of the poverty of your family, and I believe you have a little daughter who, unfortunately, was born blind. Is this not so?

JB: It is, M'lord.

JW: Very well. The decision of the Court is this: Inasmuch as the accused has confessed his guilt, we shall follow a merciful and compassionate course of action. We shall release him on the condition that he swear solemnly to discontinue the convening of religious meetings, and that he affix his signature to such an oath prior to quitting the Courtroom. That will be all, Mr. Bunyan. I hope not to see you here again. May we hear the next case?

JB: M'lord, if I may have another moment of the Court's time?

JW: Yes, but you must be quick about it. We have other matters to attend to. What is it?

JB: I cannot do what you ask of me, M'lord. I cannot place my signature upon any document in which I promise henceforth not to preach. My calling to preach the Gospel is from God, and He alone can make me discontinue what He has appointed me to do. As I have had no word from Him to that effect, I must continue to preach, and I shall continue to preach.

JW: Mr. Bunyan, you are trying the patience of this Court.

JB: That is not my intention, M'lord.

JW: I warn you, sir, the Court has gone the second mile to be lenient with you, out of concern for your family's difficult straits. Truth to tell, it would appear that the Court's concern for your family far exceeds your own. Do you wish to go to prison?

JB: No, M'lord. Few things there are that I would wish less.

JW: Very well, then, Mr. Bunyan. This Court will make one further attempt in good faith to accommodate what appears to be strongly held convictions on your part. In his compassion and beneficence, our Sovereign, Charles II, has made provision for dissenting preachers to hold some limited meetings. All that is required is that such ministers procure licenses authorizing them to convene these gatherings. The Court will not require you to sign any documents, but will require on your verbal commitment to proceed through proper channels to obtain licenses. You will not find the procedure burdensome, and even you, Mr. Bunyan, must surely grant the legitimacy of the State's interest in ensuring that any fool with a Bible does not simply gather a group to people together and begin to preach to them. Imagine the implications were that to happen! Can you comply with this condition, Mr. Bunyan? Before you answer, mark you this: should you refuse, the Court will have no alternative but to sentence you to a prison term. Think, sir, of your poor wife. Think of your flock, who can hear you to their hearts' content when you shall have secured your licenses. Think on these things, and give us your answer, sir!

JB: M'lord, I appreciate the Court's efforts to be--as you have put it--accommodating. But again, I must refuse your terms. I must repeat that it is God who constrains me to preach, and no man or company of men may grant or deny me leave to preach. These licenses of which you speak, M'lord, are symbols not of a right, but of a privilege. Implied therein is the principle that a mere man can extend or withhold them according to his whim. I speak not of privileges, but of rights. Privileges granted by men may be denied by men. Rights are granted by God, and can be legitimately denied by no man. I must, therefore, refuse to comply.

JW: Very well, Mr. Bunyan. Since you persist in your intractability, and since you reject this Court's honest effort at compromise, you leave us no choice but to commit you to Bedford jail for a period of six years. If you manage to survive, I should think that your experience will correct your thinking. If you fail to survive, that will be unfortunate. In any event, I strongly suspect that we have heard the last we shall ever hear from Mr. John Bunyan. Now, may we hear the next case.

(While in prison, John Bunyan produced one of the most marvelous of all Christian works: Pilgrim's Progress.)



GOD'S SIMPLE PLAN OF SALVATION

- **WHO IS GOOD?** "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one." (Romans 3:10)
- **WHO HAS SINNED?** "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)
- **WHERE DID SIN COME FROM?** "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." (Romans 5:12)
- **WHAT IS THE PENALTY FOR SIN?** "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23)
- **WHAT IS OUR HOPE?** "But God commended His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)
- **WHAT SHOULD WE DO?** "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." (Romans 10:9)
- "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:13)

SERVICES OF THE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH:

- Sunday School 10:00 AM
- Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 AM
- Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:00 PM
- Wednesday Evening Prayer Service 7:00 PM
- Friday Bible Study 7:00 PM

MINISTRIES OF THE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH:

- Bible Studies & Expository Preaching
- World Missions & Local Evangelism
- Internet Outreach: BBCRichfield.com
- LiveWithPastorAl.com
- Radio Outreach Ministry on WHKW 1220 AM: Late Night Live with Pastor Al — Sunday, 10:00 PM Live With Pastor Al — Friday 1:30 PM

LOCATION OF THE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH:

- The Bible Baptist Church meets in the Richfield Commons Plaza at the corner of Wheatley and Brecksville Roads, in Richfield, Ohio, at: 4174 Wheatley Rd., Suite 200 Richfield, Ohio 44286

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 (Romans 10:17)*