

## DEEP THOUGHTS

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The average depth of the Pacific ocean is 14,000 feet! The average depth of the oceans collectively is 12,200 feet! That's well over two miles! Micah tells us that God will "cast all our sins into the depths of the sea" (Micah 7:19). What a powerful way to say that when God forgives a sin, it's gone forever!

Before you do something that might cause someone to sin, you might want to consider Jesus' words of Matthew 18:6. According to Him, if you had a millstone hung around your neck and were cast into the depth of the sea, you would be better

off than if you caused someone to sin.

Some think they can hide from God, just as Jonah thought he could run from God. But God sees all, and nothing is out of His reach (Hebrews 4:13). You may hide sin from men, but God knows, and He will punish if you don't repent. About His enemies, God said "I will bring them back from the depths of the sea" (Psalm 68:22). Amos 9:2-4 teaches the same thing. Even if the hiding place is on the ocean floor, sinners can't hide from God (Proverbs 15:3). 

Welcome to our services and thank you for visiting. If you have any questions about our beliefs or practices, please don't hesitate to ask.

God has not only commanded us to worship Him, but has also told us how, in His word. **The elements of our services, as prescribed by God's word, are as follows:**

- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD'S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



## COME WORSHIP WITH US!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...9:00  
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....10:00  
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00  
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES....7:00

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

- [www.defendthegospel.com](http://www.defendthegospel.com)
- Weekly Article: Rutherford Reader
- 60 Second daily Radio Spot, "Moment of Truth." WGNS 100.5 FM, 101.9 FM, 1450 AM
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Singing Practice: 5 pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- Children's Class, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, 5:30 pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Men's Training Class, 3:30 pm, Prayer Service, 6 pm



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"They...searched the scriptures daily..." –Acts 17:11

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## WALK LIKE HIM!

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To walk like someone means to emulate them in your life; to try and live like they live, do what they do, go where they go, speak like they speak. Children often walk like their parents, etc. John wrote of Jesus, "He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked" (1 John 2:6). Jesus walked with...

**Compliance.** "Jesus said to them. 'My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work'" (1 John 2:5). Jesus was determined to do and to teach exactly as the Father commanded Him (John 12:49-50). Jesus has been given all authority (Matthew 28:18). He is the head of the church and to violate His Gospel is to lose fellowship with God (2 John 9). What a shame that so many churches that claim the name of Christ incorporate so many things into their work and worship for which they have no authority (Colossians 3:17).

I hear of "churches of Christ" sponsoring softball teams, building gymnasiums, adding Mechanical instruments to their worship, and doing a host of other things that do not comply with Christ's doctrine. Christ removes the lampstands of unfaithful

churches (Revelation 2:5).

**Compassion.** Jesus walked this earth with compassion toward those suffering with disease. "And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick" (Matthew 14:14). He had compassion for the hungry as well (Matthew 15:32). We must have compassion and do good to all, "Especially to those who are of the household of faith" (Galatians 6:10). Don't forget The Lord's compassion for the lost which led Him to teach them His Gospel (Mark 6:34). Like Jesus, we must seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10; Acts 8:4).

**Courage.** Think of the courage Jesus displayed when He faced that cruel cross of Calvary. It takes courage to make this type of sacrifice, yet Jesus demands that we offer our bodies a "Living sacrifice" (Romans 12:1). Paul considered himself "Crucified with Christ" (Galatians 2:20). It takes courage to lay aside our wants and sometimes our needs to do the will of the Lord (1 Corinthians 16:13); but if we would walk like Jesus, we must; and like Him, we will reap the reward (Hebrews 12:1-2). 

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# WHERE DID CAIN GET HIS WIFE?

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At the Scopes trial in Tennessee in 1925, ACLU lawyer Clarence Darrow asked the religious William Jennings Bryan Where Cain got his wife. Bryan couldn't give an answer. How tragic!

To get a clear understanding of this question, we should first understand what is NOT the answer. For example, some contend that God had created another group of people in the same manner as He created Adam, and Cain got his wife from those people. But in Genesis 2:19-25 we learn that God brought forth to Adam every animal created. *"But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him"* (Vs. 20b). God then created Eve. Why would God do this? If there was another group of people, why could Adam not find a partner suitable for him from them? Furthermore, *"Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living"* (Gen. 3:20). This fact refutes the possibility of another created group of people. Eve was the mother of ALL living!

So, where DID Cain get his

wife? Simple, he either married his sister or another close relative. The Bible doesn't tell us how old Cain and Abel were when Cain killed Abel. The statement *"in the process of time"* (Gen. 4:3) seems to indicate a considerable amount of time. Add to this the facts that Adam and Eve were commanded to be fruitful and multiply, and Adam lived to be 930 years old! During this time, he had sons AND daughters (Gen. 5:4, 5). Since there could not have been another group of people created by God, and since Adam and Eve did have daughters, it is very practical to conclude that Cain married his sister or another close relative.

But doesn't the Bible condemn incest? Yes, but not during the time of Adam and Eve. Remember, Abraham was married to his half-sister (Gen. 20:12), and God blessed that union. It was 400 years after Abraham before God first condemned incest (Lev. 18-20). It is reasonable to conclude that Cain married a close relative; possibly even his sister! 🔍

## HEAR & HEED!

Compare Proverbs 1:8-9 with Proverbs 6:20-21. We are living in a time of disobedient children who scoff at the wise instructions of their parents (2 Timothy 3:1; Romans 1:30). Young people could save themselves much turmoil and distress, and live longer more fulfilling lives, if they would simply stop considering their parents as "Old Fogey's" who are out of touch, and start respecting their wisdom.



## SERMON NOTES

Search the scriptures daily to see if these things are so.

### Midnight Meeting

STUDY  
DAILY!  
Acts  
17:11

Introduction:

I. \_\_\_\_\_

II. \_\_\_\_\_

III. \_\_\_\_\_

#### DUTY LIST...

##### SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Kenny Todd
- Bible Reading by.....John Nelson  
Reading: Acts 20:7-12
- Song Leader.....Ben Green
- Lord's Table:  
Lead.....Tony Jenkins  
Serve.....Chris Meade  
Serve.....Robert Johnson

##### SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Robert Johnson
- Lord's Table.....Brad Todd

##### WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Invitation.....Kenny Todd

**Home Bible Studies  
Available Upon Request!**

#### GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- Hear The Gospel: Romans 10:17
- Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

**Obey Today!**