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VISIT US SOON!

Sunday:

Bible Study..... 9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship..... 10:30 A.M.
Afternoon Worship.... 1:30 P.M.

Wednesday:

Bible Study7:00 P.M.

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Robbie Nell Cantrell
1931-2016

We are only a week into the new year and already I have preached the funeral services of three beloved individuals to me and to so many others. On Saturday, January 2, I spoke at the funeral service of my boyhood preacher, David Bowman, in Florence, AL. On Sunday, January 3, I officiated at the funeral service of a very special aunt, Jewel Dean Grider, in Bridgeport, AL. This past Saturday, January 9, I preached the funeral of one of our dearest members at Forest Hill, Robby Cantrell, who passed from this life last week at the age of 84.

Sister Robby was a gracious and godly Christian woman. She loved her family and friends. She was a devoted member of the Lord's church. She will be missed. About two years ago, sister Robby was seriously ill in ICU at a local hospital. Family members, along with this preacher, were called to her bedside. It appeared that her earthly journey was over at that time. However, sister Robby rallied and not only left that hospital but regained a sufficient portion of her health. When she did ultimately pass from this life last week, I am thankful she was at home and went peacefully to her eternal reward.

Sister Robby had a very large family and her family loved her as she loved them. Her youngest daughter, Terri, wrote the following about her mom,

Mom served in many roles as a younger woman, she helped in every classroom and on every field trip, youth mission trips, band or chorus outings, soccer tournaments and numerous grandparent activities. She was a champion bowler in her day! She could sew, knit and crochet like a pro. She served as the President of the Harding Academy Booster Club for several years. She was on the Board of Directors at Agape and took several foster children into our home when we were teenagers. Of course, she was an active member at Knight Arnold Church of Christ which later became the Forest Hill Church of Christ! She loved this church!

Well we loved Robby, as well. Ironically, considering that she was a member of this congregation for most of its history, her funeral service was conducted on the same weekend as our 57th anniversary celebration. Baptized in 1957, sister Robby was steadfast in her devotion to the Lord and was faithful to the assembly of the saints, even present the Lord's day before her passing. Sister Robbie and I had something else in common. We both have enjoyed Alabama Crimson Tide football. I wish she could have seen our team win another national championship Monday night. However, I am confident she is perfectly content in her present state.

The funeral service for sister Robby took place in the Forest Hill auditorium. It was the honor of this writer to preach her service. Forest Hill elder, Greg Mangrum, led the congregational singing. Interment will take place Wednesday, January 13, at West Tennessee Veterans Cemetery, adjacent to the Forest Hill grounds, where she will be laid to rest beside her husband, Bill Cantrell.

Sister Robby leaves behind her four children, Michael Cantrell, Barry Cantrell, Susan Cantrell White, and Terri Cantrell Mallory, along with a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Please remember all of them in your prayers during this time of sorrow.

Barry

The God of Mormonism (Part 5)

B. J. Clarke

God Has A Material Body

The Mormons teach that God has a material body. In their book *Doctrine and Covenants*, (Sec. 130:22), we find the following affirmation: "The Father has a body of flesh and bone as tangible as man's; the Son also, but the Holy Ghost has not a body of flesh and bones but is a personage of Spirit." In the *Articles of Faith*, Talmage wrote: "We affirm that to deny the materiality of God's person is to deny God; for a thing without parts has no whole and an immaterial body cannot exist".³³ Bruce R. McConkie, a Mormon "Apostle" who died of cancer in 1985, taught that "God ... is a personal Being, a holy and *exalted man*, a glorified, *resurrected Personage having a tangible body of flesh and bones*, an anthropomorphic Entity ..."³⁴

One of the primary reasons that Mormons believe God has a material body is because of their faith in Joseph Smith, who claimed that he learned such in the year 1820 when he saw God in a vision. Mormon missionaries go throughout the world citing Joseph Smith's story of the first vision as evidence that God has a material body. The LDS even published a missionary manual to guide their missionaries in how and what to teach their students. Consider the following passage from this manual:

Missionary: Mr. Brown, we learn another beautiful principle from Joseph Smith's visit from the Father and the Son. When he saw and talked with them, he learned that the Father and his Son, Jesus Christ, are separate and distinct individuals and not just different manifestations of the same person. He also learned that they each have a body of flesh and bones.³⁵

Some very significant information is missing from the above quotation. In the first place, Joseph Smith's first handwritten account of his alleged vision makes no claim at all that God the Father was present. Also, there is evidence that Joseph Smith blatantly contradicted his own teaching on this issue. The 1835 edition of *Doctrine and Covenants* contained a transcription of a number of lectures given by Mr. Smith. These lectures appeared in a section entitled Lectures on Faith. On page 53, there is a particularly telling paragraph in which Joseph Smith teaches that the Father is a personage of spirit. Specifically, Joseph Smith said:

They are the Father and the Son: The Father being a personage of spirit, glory and power: possessing all perfection and fullness: The Son, who was in the bosom of the Father, a personage of tabernacle, made, or fashioned like unto man, or being in the form and likeness of man, or, rather, man was formed after his likeness, and in his image;...and is called the Son because of the flesh (Lectures on

Faith, Lecture Fifth, p. 53).³⁶

The contradiction should be obvious to all: In 1835, Joseph Smith believed and taught that God the Father was a personage of spirit while Jesus Christ was called the Son "because of the flesh." Therefore, it is indisputably true that in 1835 Smith **did not** teach that both the Father and Son had bodies of flesh and bone! However, modern day Mormons send out their missionaries with the false claim that Joseph Smith, in his first vision in 1820, discovered that both God the Father and the Son have bodies of flesh and bone!

In spite of Joseph Smith's recorded teaching that the Father is a "personage of spirit," the modern day Mormon Church maintains that the Father has a body of flesh and bones. How can they teach such a doctrine when it so brazenly contradicts one of their own written works? Actually, the answer is quite simple: they just removed the offending portion or passage from their literature. In 1921, the Lectures On Faith were deleted from *Doctrine and Covenants* because the Mormons discovered the impossibility of teaching one thing when their book said another. Hence, they summarily cast aside about seventy pages of what had previously been regarded as inspired scripture.

To amplify further the erroneous LDS teaching concerning the nature of God, we direct the reader to their view of the nature of the Holy Spirit. In his book, *The Restored Church*, LDS author William Berrett notes:

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MR. AND MRS. ROBERT MARTIN
REQUEST THE HONOUR OF YOUR PRESENCE
AT THE MARRIAGE OF THEIR DAUGHTER

Kathleen Elizabeth Childress

to

Jonathan Daniel Beard

SATURDAY, THE TWENTY-THIRD OF JANUARY
TWO THOUSAND AND SIXTEEN
AT HALF-PAST FOUR O'CLOCK

CHURCH STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
305 WEST CHURCH STREET
LEWISBURG, TENNESSEE

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

LORD'S TABLE

PRESIDE: Raymond Pipkin Dennis Woods
ASSIST: Bob Bergstrom Sean Ellis
 Matthew Jones Reggie McHaney
 Marlon Retana Cecil Sowell

PRAYERS

A.M. OPENING: Danny Braddock
A.M. CLOSING: Michael Callahan
P.M. OPENING: Harold Mangrum
P.M. CLOSING: Lewis Elliott

If you are unable to lead prayer or serve at the Lord's table, please contact Cedric Huff or Paul Connell.

RECORD, WEEK OF January 10, 2016

BIBLE STUDY: 245
 A.M. WORSHIP: 350
 P.M. WORSHIP: 240
 CONTRIBUTION: \$15,641.00

OUR SICK

Betty Jones is recovering from surgery.
Helen Palazola, Baptist Memorial Rehabilitation Hospital, 1240 So. Germantown Parkway, Germantown, TN room 124.
ILL AT HOME: J. D. & Brenda Crowe, Shaunna Hanel, Jessica Manning, Linda McCullar, Sabrena Sowell and John Pope.

HOMEBOUND

Bessie Berry Anita Hopper
 Ann Caughron Albert & Ruth House
 Irby Cole Clarine Justice
 Hazel Eskew Ryan McCullar
 Tommy & Nell Herndon Helen Palazola
 Anita Hopper

INFORMATION LINE: 531-8849

REQUESTED PRAYERS: Cindy Dawson, Matthew Jones and Fritz Rickles.

OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO the family of Robbie Cantrell who passed away Tuesday, January 5. The funeral service was Saturday at Forest Hill.

MEMORIAL SERVICE honoring Leon & Donnie Scott, Saturday, January 16 at 11:00 a. m. following a brief visitation at 10:30 a.m. at Great Oaks Church of Christ. Brother & sister Scott were members of the Knight Arnold/Forest Hill congregation.



KIRBY PINES Retirement Community worship service each fourth Sunday 8:00-8:45a.m. conducted by Forest Hill. Our next service will be Sunday, January 24.

LEGACY ESTATES worship service each Sunday afternoon 3:00 p.m. conducted by Forest Hill.



NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Dear Forest Hill,
 We want to thank you for the many cards and all the kindness that was shown to us especially the prayers during our recent sickness. We are thankful to be a part of this congregation.

In Christian love,
 Velton & Dorothy Trimm

HEARTS & HANDS

TEAM "B" (Warren Davenport) will meet Saturday, January 16 at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Warren & Lisa Davenport for a fish fry. The food will be provided.

TEAM "C" (Danny Braddock) will meet Saturday, January 23 at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Cedric & Dianne Huff for a covered dish dinner. Please let Dianne know what you plan to bring.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LADIES' CLASS and MEN'S CLASS meet each Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m.

AREA-WIDE YOUTH DEVOTIONAL hosted by Forest Hill, Monday, January 18.

LADIES EVENING BIBLE STUDY Tuesday, January 19 at 6:30 p.m.

ELDERS & DEACONS PLANNING SESSION Saturday, January 23.

BABY SHOWER honoring Sarah Ulrich, Sunday, January 24 after the morning service. It's a boy! They are registered at Target and Babies R Us.

JCs ASSEMBLE Sunday, January 31 after the morning service.

BRIDAL SHOWER honoring Kia Lopez, bride of David Lopez, Sunday, February 7, after the morning service. They are registered at Walmart and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

YOUTH DAY Saturday, March 26. Theme: *Faithful Love*.

50th MSOP LECTURESHIP March 27-March 31. Theme: *Preach the Word*.

VBS June 6-8.

FOUNDATIONS June 25-July 1.

Last week's solution :
My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. James 1:2-4

CORNERSTONE

Unscramble the letters in each word below to reveal the passage of scripture.

NDA EHT NLGEA DEWSRNEA NDA SIDA UTON EHT MEWNO, RFEA TON EY: ROF I WONK TTHA EY SKEE USJSE, CWHH WSA RFUICIEDC. EH SI TON RHEE: ROF EH SI SRNIE, SA EH SIDA. OMEC, EES EHT PLECA RHEWE EHT ROLD YLA.

Solution next week

The God of Mormonism (continued from page 2)

The Holy Ghost is a person. Unlike the Father and the Son who have bodies of flesh and bone, the Holy Ghost has no body of flesh and bone (that is, of the elements as we know them) but is a personage of spirit."³⁷

Believe it or not, it gets even worse. On one hand the Mormons teach that the Holy Spirit is not composed of flesh and bones, but on the other hand they teach that the devils were denied bodies of flesh and bone as a punishment for their sins. Listen to LDS authority, Joseph Fielding Smith, who said: "The punishment of Satan and the third of the hosts of heaven who followed him, was that they were denied the privilege of being born into this world and receiving mortal bodies. They did not keep their first estate and were denied the opportunity of eternal progression." Brigham Young believed the same thing. He often spoke of a conversation between a Mormon and a Methodist priest, in which the Mormon informed the Methodist that the devil was "a being without a body, whereas our God has a body, parts, and passions. The Devil was cursed and sent down from heaven. He has no body of his own...." (*Journal of Discourses*, vol. 5, p.331).³⁸

As you can well imagine, with this kind of doctrine circulating, it did not take long for Mormon leaders to be bombarded with questions about the implications of such. If possession of a body is essential to eternal progression, and to be without a body renders one a devil, then what would that say about the Holy Spirit?! How did the LDS church leaders address these questions? They simply affirmed that the Holy Spirit became a God without a body; in other words, they contradicted what God had allegedly revealed to them concerning the importance of possessing a material body. Furthermore, Mormons believe that the Holy Ghost "is a personage of Spirit" (*Doctrine & Covenants* 130:22), but they also teach that an immaterial being or body cannot exist (*Articles of Faith* p. 39). Thus, according to Mormonism, the Holy Ghost must have a "material" or "tangible body," or He does not exist!

(from "Mormanism", *Spring Bible Institute Lectureship, 2001*)

(to be continued)

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