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*"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." 2 Timothy 3:16*

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## A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN

Who is "the world's most beautiful woman?" Well, she is not a movie star, and she does not live in Hollywood. We read about her in the third chapter of the first epistle of Peter, and she may be living on your street, and a person unnoticed. She is beautiful in the sight of God, who 'looketh upon the heart.'" (1 Samuel 16:7).

The world admires beauty, as never before. Hollywood pays more than ever for beautiful actresses, and the public pays more to see them. But that is outward beauty which they pay so much to see. That is the beauty of which the Lord wrote in Proverbs 31:30: "Grace is deceitful, and beauty is vain."

Probably there never were so many "Beauty Contests," as now, but we will not find out who is truly "the most beautiful woman in the world" in that way. How, then, may we learn who she is? We can learn by reading the Bible and learning who is the most beautiful in the sight of the Lord. Here I quote 1 Peter 3:1-6.

"In like manner, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, even if any obey not the word, they may without the word be gained by the behaviour of their wives; beholding your chaste behaviour, coupled with fear. Whose adorning let it not be the outward adorning of braiding the hair, and of

wearing jewels of gold, and of putting on apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in the incorruptible apparel of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. For after this manner aforetime the holy women also, who hoped in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection to their own husbands; as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose children ye now are, if ye do well, and are not put in fear by any terror."

Reading the above passage, we can learn what are the marks of "the most beautiful woman in the world."

She is a CHRISTIAN, for Peter was writing to Christians, and includes her in "ye."

She is GODLY, for he speaks of her as like "the holy women."

She is "IN SUBJECTION TO HER HUSBAND." She is not a "suffragette." She believes that women get their greatest happiness in submitting entirely to the will of God.

She can win her husband to the Lord by her "CHASTE BEHAVIOUR." No "modern," no worldly woman, will lead her husband to Christ, but an earnest Christian woman often does.

Her ADORNMENT is not outward, but spiritual. It is not "braiding the hair, and

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## Editorial . . . . .

### Some Things You Must Do

People often ask concerning various things: "Do I have to do it?" They mean "is it absolutely necessary that I do it?" There are many things that one does not have to do, but there are a few things that **you must do!** You have no choice in these matters. Let us now consider some things that you must do.

#### YOU MUST DIE

After Adam had transgressed God's law, God said: "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, **till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.**" (Genesis 3:19). Hundreds of years later the Lord said unto Moses, "**Behold, thy days approach that thou must die . . .**" (Deuteronomy 31:14). Solomon said: "**For the living know that they shall die . . .**" (Ecclesiastes 9:5). Death is the separation of the spirit from the body. (See James 2:26). The soul departs from the body at death. (Consider Genesis 35:18). Paul affirms in 1 Cor. 15:22 that "**in Adam all die.**" We learn from Hebrews 9:27 that "**it is appointed unto men once to die.**" Death is an officer that can not be bribed. The "grim reaper" WILL COME! You have

no choice in the matter! **YOU MUST DIE!** Yes, you have to do it!

#### YOU MUST FACE GOD IN JUDGMENT

Although death is certain, death does not end us. There will be a resurrection of the dead. Jesus said: "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which **all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth;** they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." (John 5:28-29). Paul says in 1 Cor. 15:22: "**For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.**" Paul preached "**that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.**" (See Acts 24:14-16) We learn from Hebrews 9:27 that after death comes "**the judgment.**" Paul affirms in Acts 17:31 that God "**hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness**" by Jesus Christ. We "**must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ,**" (see 2 Cor. 5:10), and "**every one of us shall give account of himself to God.**" (See Romans 14:12). For a description of the judgment please read carefully Revelation 20:11-15 and Matthew 25:31-46). **Yes, YOU MUST FACE GOD IN JUDGMENT!** You have no choice in the matter! This is something you have to do!

#### YOU MUST STAY FOREVER IN HEAVEN OR HELL

Life in heaven with God and with the redeemed of all ages will last forever. On the other hand, damnation in hell with the Devil and with the wicked of all ages will last forever. In speaking to the righteous the King will say: "**. . . Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world**" but unto the wicked he will say: "**. . . Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the Devil and his angels.**" (See Matthew 25:34, 41). With reference to the wicked the King will say, "**And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.**" (Matthew 25:46). Paul shows in 1 Thess. 4:13-18 that the righteous will

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**"ever be with the Lord"** and in 2 Thess. 1:7-9 that the wicked **"shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord."** The righteous will have right **"to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God,"** (see Revelation 2:7; 22:14), but the wicked **"shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."** (Revelation 21:8). **Yes, YOU MUST STAY FOREVER IN EITHER HEAVEN OR HELL!** You have no choice in the matter! This is something **you have to do!**

Death, the judgment and the fact that we must stay forever in either heaven or hell are indeed sobering thoughts! Although death is sure, the resurrection is inevitable and it is certain that we will stay forever either in heaven or in hell, we need not be in despair because God by His grace has made provisions for us to choose in which place we will stay forever. We can choose either heaven or hell. In order to choose heaven we must have sufficient faith in God and His Son Jesus Christ, **to repent** of our sins, and upon a **confession** of our faith to **"be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins."** (See Hebrews 11:6; John 20:30-31; Acts 8:37; Acts 2:38; Romans 10:9-10; Mark 16:16). We must then **"be faithful"** as a child of God. We must work, worship, and serve God in such a way as to **"glorify"** him. (See Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 15:58; Rev. 2:10; John 4:24; Hebrews 12:28-29; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; 1 Peter 4:16).

**We strongly urge you and kindly exhort you to prepare to meet thy God in judgment so you can live with Him and with the redeemed ones of all ages in heaven forever!**

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**A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN**

Yes, there have been many such women, made so by the teachings of Christ. Many of them are living today, and I know a number of such godly women.

—Henry S. Ficklin in **THE GRAPHIC EVANGELIST**

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of wearing jewels of gold, or putting on of apparel." (v. 3). She does not want carnal attractiveness. She does not want "vain" beauty, (Prov. 31:30), but "the beauty of holiness." (Psalms 29:2).

But she is **BEAUTIFUL**. Her beauty is in "the hidden man of the heart"—her inward beauty—and she has "the incorruptible apparel of a meek and quiet spirit."

This **INWARD BEAUTY** is for the Lord to see, and He tells us that in His sight it is "of great price." (v. 4).

She is **"MEEK—HUMBLE,"** not "haughty," like the "daughters of Zion" of Isaiah's day, who "walk with wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go." (Isaiah 3:16).

She is a woman whose **SPIRIT** is not only "meek," but "quiet." She is not a "woman preacher."

What an earnest, spiritual, attractive woman is described here. She is a "King's daughter," "all glorious within." (Psalms 45:13). She is a true wife, and a godly Christian. She has a remarkable, pervading influence for good!

Women like her are mentioned in the Bible. There is Jochebed, the mother of Moses, in whom maternal love is combined with faith in God. There is Mary, the mother of Jesus, who submitted herself to God's will: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord." (Lk. 2:30). There is Phoebe, "our sister, a servant of the church that is at Cenchrea," to whom the apostle bears grateful and loving tribute, "for she herself also hath been a helper of many, and of mine own self." (Rom. 16:1-2). There is Priscilla, the wife of Aquila. You never see them mentioned separately in the New Testament. Paul speaks of them as "my fellow-workers, who for my life laid down their own necks, unto whom not only I gave thanks but also all the Gentiles." (Rom. 16:3-4). It is no wonder that more than once we read of a church meeting in their house. There is Lois, the grandmother of Timothy, and Eunice, his mother, who, before him, had the "unfeigned faith" which he had. (2 Timothy 1:5).

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## Correction Is Grievous

"Correction is grievous unto him that forsaketh the way . . . ." (Proverbs 15: 10). Few people are able to accept correction graciously. Our first inclination is always to justify self. This, no doubt, accounts for the bad spirit which is so manifest in brethren who have "forsaken the way" of the Lord when one attempts to correct them. The individual who is completely confident as to the truth of his position is assailed. He knows that the truth will vindicate his stand, hence there is no necessity for violent emotional reactions. When men react violently and angrily to an expression of a belief opposite to their own, it is reasonably certain that they have "forsaken the way."

—James W. Adams in TIDINGS, 11-3-62

SOMEONE HAS SAID: "Nothing is easier than fault-finding; no talent, no self-denial, no brains, no character, are required to set up in the grumbling business."

## The Sutton-Hill Debate

As time goes on, many are convinced that **there will be NO DEBATE** between Carrol Sutton and Albert Hill as was agreed on over a year ago. The reason many are convinced **there will be no debate** is because of the **absolute refusal** (up till now) of the West Hobbs Street church in Athens, Alabama and Albert Hill of Florence to schedule the debate as they agreed **OVER A YEAR AGO** to do!

However, I am still of the opinion (although it is merely my opinion) that there **WILL BE A DEBATE** because it is hard for me to believe that **ALL** of the members at West Hobbs Street are of such nature as to allow their **elders** to fail to **honor** their word. No doubt there are some who do not want their elders to keep their agreement, but surely there are enough **HONEST** members at West Hobbs Street **who will insist on honesty and integrity in this matters.**

Surely there are enough **HONEST** people who know Albert Hill **who will insist** that he urge West Hobbs Street to schedule the debate as agreed.

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## Sentence Sermons

Too many people are "broad-minded" about the wrong things.

One of the first things that one notices in a "backward" nation" is that the children obey their parents.

A lie has a forked tongue like a snake, but, unlike a reptile, it has legs.

Nobody knows the age of the human race, but all agree that it is old enough to know better.

There is nothing truly great in man but character.

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