



From the Bishop's Pen!

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THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

Jesus gave us the assurance of His second coming when he said *"In my father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. I will come again, and receive you unto myself that where I am, there ye may be also."* - John 14:2-3. He said He will come again to take the believers to heaven. Two Angels gave us the assurance of Christ's second coming as well. *"And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, which also said, ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."* - Acts 1:10-11.

Two men dressed in white apparel is a common description of angels. They gave us assurance that as Christ was taken up into heaven so shall He come down from heaven.

The third assurance was given by one of the Apostles (Paul) in the book of I Thess. 4:16-17: *"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord."* Apostle Paul wrote elaborating on how Christ's second coming would be, with the shout of trumpet of the Archangel. Then the believers that are alive shall meet the Lord in the air and to be with him forever. This is what is called the Rapture: the taking away of the believers from the earth, at the second coming of Christ into the clouds.

When will the Rapture take place? Jesus declared, *"But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no not the angels of heaven, but my Father only"* - Matt. 24:36. But Jesus spoke further of the signs that will accompany his second coming. He said it would be as in the time of Noah when people did not give attention to the Gospel of salvation until the flood came upon them. Remember that the people were warned and invited to come into the Noah's Ark. Were they caught by the flood unnoticed? No. They heard about it and probably read about it, but the concern for the things of this world took hold of their lives and prevented them from getting into the Ark of Salvation. They were to be blamed for their destruction. All the signs that Jesus gave are coming to pass. The Electronic gadgets are taking hold of men's heart and gives men pleasure in the things of the world. Men's hearts are no longer set on things of heaven but on things of this world. If you are really a Christian *"What manner of person ought you to be"* in this present world?

The second book of Peter admonishes us to *"live holy and godly lives as you look*

forward to the day of God and speed its coming." For *"that day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in heat."*- II Pet. 3:11-12(NIV). The second coming of Christ will bring about the destruction of those things that now take the hold of men's hearts. God that planted men in the earth will one day harvest men out of it: *And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, thrust in thy sickle and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe."*- Rev. 14:14-15. The Earth is ripe for harvest. Men's attitude of rebellion towards God by way of various acts of sin, is daily hastening the ripening of the world. Sin is always the event that leads to the ripening of the earth for judgment. Remember the time of Noah and of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. *"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance"*- II Pet. 3:9. God is still expecting men's repentance from evil works. But if men refuse, the harvest of the earth would take place. And that would soon come to pass. What kind of person ought you to be? After the taken away of the believers with Christ, the time will set for the antichrist to rule the earth. All the inhabitants of the earth will worship the antichrist - those whose names have not been written in the book of life (the unconverted) - Rev. 13:8. He, who has a mind to understand, let him understand. The Antichrist will force everyone to *"receive a mark on the right hand or on the forehead, so that no one could buy or sell unless he has the mark"*- Rev. 13:16-17: This is also called the mark of the beast. Whosoever that refuses the Gospel message that is now being offered freely by grace, and receives that mark on the hand or forehead, *"will surely drink of the wine of God's fury, which has been poured into the cup of his wrath. He will be tormented with burning sulphur in the presence of the holy angels and of the lamb."*- Rev. 14:10 (NIV).



Beware of your Woman's Nine Words

by Gary Chester

Just for fun., Here's how a woman "communicates" with her man, using only nine words. These are nine words or phrases that husbands across the land know all about, understand, and learn to be quite attentive to:

1. **Fine** - This is the word women use to end an argument when they are right, and you need to shut up.

2. **Five Minutes** - If she is getting dressed, this means a half an hour. Five minutes is only five minutes if you have just been given five more minutes to watch the game

before helping around the house.

3. **Nothing** - This is the calm before the storm. This means something, and you should be on your toes. Arguments that begin with nothing usually end in fine.
 4. **Go Ahead** - This is a dare, not permission. Don't Do It!
 5. **Loud Sigh** - This is actually a word, but is a non-verbal statement often misunderstood by men. A loud sigh means she thinks you are an idiot and wonders why she is wasting her time standing here and arguing with you about nothing. (Refer back to #3 for the meaning of nothing.)
 6. **That's Just Okay** - This is one of the most dangerous statements a woman can make to a man. That's just okay means she wants to think long and hard before deciding how and when you will pay for your mistake.
 7. **Thanks** - If a woman is thanking you, do not question, or faint. Just say you're welcome.
 8. **Whatever** - Is a woman's way of saying *\$%# YOU!
 9. **Don't worry about it, I got it** - Another dangerous statement, meaning this is something that a woman has told a man to do several times, but is now doing it herself. This will later result in a man asking 'What's wrong?' For the woman's response, refer to #3.
- Isn't it amazing how God has equipped wives to communicate so well with us.

*The airline had a policy that required the first officer to stand at the door while the passengers exited, smile, and give them a - 'Thanks for flying XYZ airline'.

The airline pilot on this particular flight hammered his plane into the runway really hard. In light of his bad landing, he had difficulty looking the passengers in the eye, all the time he thought that a passenger would have a smart comment. However, it seemed that all the passengers were too shocked to say anything. Finally, everyone had gotten off except for this little old lady walking with a cane. She said, 'Sonny, mind if I ask you a question?' Why no Ma'am,' said the pilot, 'What is it'. The little old lady said, 'Did we land or were we shot down?'



*Rupert and Elaine, a young couple, got married and went happily on their honeymoon. When they got back, Elaine immediately 'phoned her mother and her mother obviously asked, 'How was the honeymoon, dearest?' Oh, Ma,' she replied, 'the honeymoon was wonderful. So romantic...' Then Elaine burst out crying. 'But, Ma, as soon as we returned home Rupert started using the most ghastly language... saying things I've never heard before! I mean, all these awful 4-letter words! You've got to come get me and take me home.... Please Ma.' Calm down, Elaine!,' said her mother, 'Tell me, what could be so awful? What 4-letter words?' Still sobbing, Elaine whispered, 'Oh, Ma...words like dust, wash, cook, and iron.'

*Robert went to his lawyer and said, 'I would like to make a will but I don't know exactly how to go about it.' The lawyer smiled at Robert and replied, 'Not a problem, leave it all to me.' - Robert looked somewhat upset and said, 'Well, I knew you were going to take a big portion, but I would like to leave a little to my family too!'

*'Mummy, today in school I was punished for something that I didn't do.' The mother exclaimed, 'But that's terrible. I'm going to have a talk with your teacher about this ... by the way, what was it that you didn't do?' - The little girl replied, 'My homework.'



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