



# Sons Of Issachar Edition!

*A Newsletter for those who understood the times and knew what to do!*

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Dear Friends,

## **Is Life Passing You By?**

Years ago the English agnostic Thomas Huxley was in Dublin, Ireland, for a speaking engagement. When it was over he left his hotel in a hurry to catch a train. He jumped into one of the city's famous horse-drawn taxis and thinking the doorman at the hotel had told the driver where he was going, simply shouted to the driver to drive fast. The taxi set off at a breakneck pace, but after a few minutes Huxley realized that it was headed away from the station. "Do you know where you're going?" he shouted to the driver. "No, your honor," the driver answered, "but I'm driving fast."

Have you ever felt that the above story describes the lives of most of the people you know? Life is passing them by so quickly and they run to and fro trying to find something that will validate the reason for their existence. Franklin Delano Roosevelt described it in his first inaugural address this way: "We don't know where we are going, but we are on our way."

## **Living In The 'Land Of Nod'**

The irony of all civilization is that its builder was Cain. The one God said, "*You will be a restless wanderer on the earth.*" [Gen 4:12] This 'restless wanderer' was the first to build a city and he did so in the land of Nod (which ironically means "wandering"). Cain was condemned to restless attempts to settle down by building a city that became inhabited with people filled with that same restless wandering spirit that Cain had.

Cain was a wanderer and a vagabond and as such he could find no rest. He was therefore condemned to a perpetual searching for God's presence, the God with whom he wanted nothing to do and in whom he did not believe. He found that his very condition kept him from ever finding God. Whatever he did he could not succeed, and that is the very hopelessness of those who do not know God.

Sounds like the secular society that the world lives in doesn't it, always searching but never finding, believing that all paths lead to God especially if it is on 'their terms'? That restless denial leads them to believe the craziest of things. In fact we read further in Genesis that the city that Cain builds has a culture that is full of hard, arrogant, self-seekers.

The loneliest people I know are in the city. The saddest stories I know concern city people. Many people do not want to go into the city to evangelize because of this very fact. In fact we call places like Las Vegas, New Orleans and New York as 'godless cities'. The problem with the "godless city" is not the "city" itself but its godless characteristics. Our task is not to abandon earthly kingdoms but to build God's kingdom in the midst of the godless ones and in so doing look forward "*to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God*" [Heb. 11:10]

You have seen them walking down the streets, waiting at bus stops, pushing their shopping carts up and down the aisles and even sitting beside you in the pews. People who really don't know who they are, searching restlessly each day trying to find something that always seems to elude them.

The wealthiest man of his day, John Paul Getty was once asked how much money did he have to have before he had enough. To which he replied, "Just a little more." Now isn't that just like the human condition, always hoping that the next job or the new car or the next relationship will be the one that brings them the contentment that they so earnestly desire?

Augustine wrote that the history of the human race is the history of two groups of people, each having a distinct origin, development, characteristic, and destiny. He said, "These two cities are formed by two loves: the earthly by the love of self, even to the contempt of God; the heavenly by the love of God, even to the contempt of self."

### **Looking For Kingdom Builders!**

The reality is that the spirit of Cain is in the DNA of the world. It is only through a transfusion of the blood of Christ through repentance and becoming 'born again' that a person will stop the restlessness that drives them to always be searching but never finding.

God is looking for Kingdom builders, those who understand the times and know what to do. That a culture can be changed, not so much by only legislating laws, or the power of do's and don'ts, but by the transforming power that comes through a changed heart which only a loving Father can provide.

Four characteristics mark the societies of the world we live in.

1. Loss of our Roots. The world wants to come home but it cannot as long as it wants to return on its own terms.
2. Closeness without Community. Surrounded by millions of people our culture screams of loneliness.
3. Worship of Outward Beauty. A culture committed to physical pleasure, beauty and charm.
4. Pride in Passion. The last characteristic of Cain's civilization is pride, culminating in an arrogant defense of murder.

The only answer is Jesus. John 3:35 it says this, "*The Father loves the Son and has placed everything in his hands. Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him.*"

The cry within the heart of mankind is to come home to the Father, that they will be 'restless wanderers' no longer. Jesus came to eradicate the wandering orphan spirit forever. He is the way, the truth and the life and the only way to the Father is through Him. As we celebrate Resurrection Day this month we stand amazed at His great gift to us.

### Happy Resurrection Day from Kingdom Life Ministry

With all our love,



Rex and Lois

***As we get ready for 2007 and the campaigns that are before Kingdom Life Ministry will you consider joining ranks with us today in the work that is at hand.***

***Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written:***

***"He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."***

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Thanks and God Bless

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