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The following letter-form was brought about as a means of teaching my children the Word of God through the mail. And of course, quite naturally so, that's the reason I begin these letters with "Dear Children" and end them with "Love Dad". So for the rest of you who participate in these weekly messages, please keep their original intended purpose in mind.

23 October, 2005

Dear Children,

I would have never thought that I would ever be saying what I am about to say in this message of today – **“Jimmy Swaggart Thinks He Has Arrived...But God's Got An Eraser!”** However, it's due to Jimmy Swaggart's on-going rejection of what “thus saith the Lord” through the prophets that this sermonet has become an absolute necessity. I mean after all, God Almighty tried to help him “get it right”, but he refused to listen: **“Jimmy Swaggart And The Accursed! (12/31/01)”**, **“Jimmy Swaggart And The ‘Since’ That Should Have Remained ‘If!’ (3/24/02)”**, **“Jimmy Swaggart And His Spiritual Adultery! (4/21/02)”**, **“Is Jimmy Swaggart's Wife ‘Frances’ Really Uncovered? (5/5/02)”**, **“Jimmy Swaggart Repents! (9/25/04)”**, **“The Monster Within Jimmy Swaggart Threatens To Kill Gays! (9/26/04)”**, and **“Jimmy Swaggart Trashes Knee Worshiping Frances! (8/14/05)”**.

So, as a direct result of Jimmy Swaggart's prideful, arrogant, and “stiff-necked” ways, God Almighty has commissioned us to speak the following Word of correction to him... and speak it we must:

As the direct result of a single event in recent history, the numbers “911” have become unforgettably etched in the minds of people around the world. Because you see it was on 9/11/01 that the “Twin Towers” of the World Trade Center were destroyed by the United States Government...and all for the purpose of instilling “**fear**” into the hearts of the American people. You see God Almighty allowed “President Bush and friends” to pull off the unimaginable “dirty deed” in order to judge the “people” who swear by His Name – “One Nation Under God” – but yet don't live it. It was a “wake-up call from God” to put the “**fear of God**” back into the American people! (See sermonet “**Pastor Tom Brown's Fear! (9/23/01)**” for more.)

That's the reason God allowed it...but that's not the reason “President Bush and friends” did it. You see their primary purpose for pulling off the unimaginable “dirty deed” was so that the blame could be put on the “international terrorist”...so that the American people could get the “**fear**” of terrorism and allow the U.S. Government to take full control of their lives. (Download video: “**The Truth About 911!**” [<http://www.fmh-child.org/911.html>].)

Now the example we've just given of "President Bush and friends" is just one more good/bad example of what we'll call an "unhealthy" kind of "fear". Because you see their intended purpose of their "fear" was to "yoke" the American people to another god (The Government) instead of to the One True God (Elohim). And once this bondage is established (and it will), it will come at a very high price for the American people:

"Sin will take them further than they wish to go, keep them longer than they want to stay, and cost them much more than they're willing to pay!"

In fact when it comes down to this thing about President Bush being a "born-again Christian" and "leading our country in the way of the Lord", well, he might call himself "born-again" but he's certainly not "born-again" from The God "up above"! I mean, after all, President Bush is a very prideful, arrogant, and evil man who continuously speaks with a froward mouth. (See "**Born Again Bush?**" for more of the glaring, screaming details on "Christian" George Bush [http://www.cuttingedge.org/news_updates/nz1086.htm].)

But anyway, getting back to this thing about "fear", the "healthy" kind of fear can be defined by the following two very short verses from God's Holy Bible:

"Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name." (Deuteronomy 6:13 KJV)

"The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate." (Proverbs 8:13 KJV)

So does President Bush fear God Almighty? I don't think so!!! In fact I know so!!! And if you'll apply those two Scriptures to what we've already shown you about President Bush, and pray about it, the truth will become obvious to you – **he's a wolf in sheep's clothing!**

And having said that, it's time for us to talk about my e-mail to Brother William concerning "Jimmy Swaggart the swaggering drunk":

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Subject: Swaggering Drunk

Brother William and Sister Wilma;

Just a quick one. Isn't it amazing how close the word "swagger" is to "Swaggart"?

swag·ger
Pronunciation: 'swa-g&r
Function: verb
Inflected Form(s): swag·gered; swag·ger·ing /-g(&-)ri[ng]/
Etymology: probably from 1swag + -er (as in chatter)
Intransitive senses:

1) to conduct oneself in an arrogant or superciliously pompous manner; especially : to walk with an air of overbearing self-confidence

2) BOAST, BRAG

Transitive senses :

1) to force by argument or threat : BULLY

- swag·ger·er /-g&r-er/ noun

- swag·ger·ing·ly /-g(&-)ri[ng]-lE/ adverb

Well for the past few days **the Lord has been telling me that it's time for you to write on your dreams concerning "Jimmy Swaggart the swaggering drunk"**.

Please seek the Lord on this. He's also revealed a powerful Truth to me about the Swaggart Trio (Jimmy, Frances, and Donnie) through the 9/11/05 telecast. Sister Lorraine is getting me a CD of the service so that I can write the message "God's Got An Eraser!"

I sent out a copy of your's and Alan's messages to Sister Lorraine this morning. She was asking for them. Be blessed!

In the Lord Jesus Christ,

Bruce (and Sandy)

So that's what the Lord had me to say to Brother William on the 13th of September. And it was only two (2) days later that I received his reply in the form of an expose for posting on his Website "**Thus Saith The Word**" [<http://www.fmh-child.org/TheWord.html>]. In fact the following is just a small portion of what Brother William had to say in his article "**Is Jimmy Swaggart For Real?**":

"I had the same dream over and over every few months...for about two years. Bro' Swaggart was in every dream holding crusades...But what I noticed was that when Jimmy Swaggart sang or preached that he was drunk [intoxicated]. What was amazing is that the people [audiences], did not notice him in this state of drunkenness, but yet he continued ministering the Word of God and singing...Jimmy Swaggart was not drunk as such with strong drink [as it seemed in the dreams], but **Jimmy Swaggart was drunk within himself, thinking he could beguile God's people with his own ability and talents [playing the piano, singing and preaching]."**

Now what did you think about that? Well I don't know about you, but it was days after having read Brother William's expose that I continued seeing (in my mind) the very real Jimmy Swaggart the "swaggering drunk". In fact getting back to the disaster of "911", it was on 9/11/05, two (2) days before the writing of my e-mail to Brother William, that the Lord instructed me to tune in the Jimmy Swaggart Sunday service by Internet...and the following is exactly what I heard:

Jimmy Swaggart Ministries/Family Worship Center – 11 September, 2005

(Jimmy Swaggart)

"...I said there is a Heaven, there is a Heaven. John said I saw that City built four square coming down from God out of Heaven. Prepared as a bride adorned for her

husband. The streets are paved with gold, the walls are of jasper, the gates are of solid pearl. **I wish you folk would wake up. We're going somewhere. We're going somewhere. We're going somewhere. There's a book up there, and it's a big book. And it's got names in it.** It's got Garrett Flood in it. It's got Erica Flood in it. It's got Joshua Rosenstern in it. Hallelujah! It's got Norman Neal in it. Glory to God! And **it's got Jimmy Swaggart in it, and Frances Swaggart , and Donnie. All of you in it...Heaven! There's a Heaven! There's a Hell too. But I'm not talking about Hell this morning, I'm talking about Heaven! I said I'm not talking about Hell this morning, I'm talking about Heaven! I'm talking about Heaven! I'm talking about Heaven! My name is written there! Praise God! My name is written there...**

Now for most church-going folks, what Jimmy Swaggart had to say about “their” names being written in “The Book Of Life” (Frances, Donnie, and himself) would not seem out of place. But it was right about the time I heard him speak what he spoke that I began to smell a rat. I mean why didn't Brother Swaggart include his grandson “Gabriel” in the list? After all, Gabriel does oversee “Crossfire” as the JSM “youth minister”. And for that matter, why didn't Brother Swaggart include Donnie's new wife Judy, or Gabriel's new wife Jill? Aren't they saved too? Why did Brother Swaggart only mention “The Three”?

Well I knew that what Brother Swaggart had said wasn't from the Lord. I could just feel it in my spirit...and it didn't take too awful long for the Almighty to confirm it. Because it was only a few minutes after Jimmy Swaggart's boasting had ended that Father God gave me the following one-liner concerning Brother Swaggart: **“He thinks that he's arrived...but their names (all three) have been blotted out of The Book Of Life”.**

Wow! And double wow!! Talk about a “911” disaster!!!

You see the way this “boasting” thing works is that Jimmy Swaggart was actually arguing “out loud” with the thoughts he was having from God concerning “The Big Three” being blotted out of the Book Of Life...and he did it while preaching his message. That Sunday morning, on 9/11/05, God Almighty tried to tell Brother Swaggart that “they” had overstepped their limits and were headed for Hell...but he just didn't want to receive it. It's a clear-cut case of **“DENIAL!!!”** I mean after all, Jimmy Swaggart the “swaggering drunk” has lost his “healthy fear” of Elohim (God), and even though the Almighty has warned him not to go there:

“The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.” (Proverbs 8:13 KJV)

“Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.”

(Proverbs 4:24 KJV)

“A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth.” (Proverbs 6:12 KJV)

“The mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom: but the froward tongue shall be cut out.” (Proverbs

10:31 KJV)

Now even though it's needless to say it, I would still like to go on record as having said it: “I would never, in my wildest imagination, have ever believed that this could happen to

“The Swaggarts’!!!” I mean I knew that it could happen, but I never thought that it would happen, because, after all, they (Jimmy, Frances, and Donnie) are “**The Swaggarts**”!

“And the LORD said unto Moses, **Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.**” (Exodus 32:33 KJV)

So, according to what “thus saith the Lord”, the present-day “state of affairs” with “Jimmy, Frances, and Donnie Swaggart” is not very good! In fact it’s serious...very serious!!! As the result of their un-repented sin, **God’s eraser was applied** to their names...and it all came down on “9-11”. Because you see the number “11” has everything to do with God’s “judgment”. And as Believers in “Jesus Christ and Him crucified”, we will either allow Him to judge our sinful flesh, moment by moment as we “take up our cross and follow Him”, or He will deny that we are even Christians.

And now that we’ve said all that, it’s time for Donnie Swaggart (in his own words) to help us uncover the sin of his father that brought on “God’s eraser” to his name. Because it was only seven (7) days prior to that dreadful “day of doom”, that Donnie preached on 2 Timothy 1:7 – “**For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.**” And in that particular message Donnie pointed out the fact that born-again Believers **cannot** be “controlled by” or “in bondage to” **FEAR** (the “unhealthy” kind)...which even includes his daddy, Jimmy Swaggart:

Jimmy Swaggart Ministries/Family Worship Center – 4 September, 2005

(Donnie Swaggart)

“...as I was thinking on the message, it just kinda dropped into my heart, and, and I believe the Lord gave it to me. And it simply, I believe the Lord spoke to me in reference to this message tonight, and simply said ‘**Tell the people that I’ve never given one of my children anything bad, and tell my children the Devil has never given anything good to his children.**’ Now I want to say that again. The Dev, Lord has never done one thing harmful or given one thing that is bad to His children. And likewise the Devil has never given one single thing of goodness to his children. My Brother told me before the service, that he just made mention, he said ‘I was strung out on drugs as bad as you can imagine.’ That’s the best the Devil has to offer. **Everything the Devil has for his children is addiction and bondage and fear and every kind of sin and degradation that you can imagine. But to us, but to us who have been redeemed from the curse of sin, one day we were outside of the family, we were outside of the gate. But Jesus Christ through His death, His burial, and His resurrection, He grafted us into the family, and now all of the privileges that the King has has been given to us. Hallelujah! Therefore as a child of God, knowing what my past once was, I can still stand and say, because of the Blood of Jesus, I am righteous, I am holy, I am pure, I am clean before the Lord and there is nothing in my past that can stand between me and my Heavenly Father because of my faith in what Jesus Christ has done at the Cross 2000 years ago...**”

So, were you able to pick up on it? Donnie Swaggart said that “**addiction, bondage, and fear**” – **THE BIG THREE** – are all trademarks of Satan’s children. In other words if you got “them”, then he’s got you!

However, as it concerns the Christian's freedom from "addiction, bondage, and fear" though "faith in what Jesus Christ has done at the Cross", well, Donnie goes on to say:

"...it actually means the spirit of self control, which has to do with one's will. This has nothing to do with 'will power' in the sense that that 'now that I'm saved I'm going to say no to nicotine.' 'Now that I'm saved I'm going to say no to this, I'm just going to say no to the Devil.' No you can't! It's not a question of saying no to the Devil, it's a question of saying yes to Jesus Christ! Oh hallelujah! You see, if you're dead in Christ, if you are in Christ, and the old man has died, the old man shouldn't be running around having to say no to anything, but the new man says yes to Jesus Christ. Hallelujah! And Paul says 'I'm going to give you the spirit of self control which is the will'. Then once you understand what the Cross is all about, and what Jesus Christ has done, and who we are in Christ, then you will have a settled disposition to do that which is right. And the mind will not become a battle ground that the spirit is just torn about to and fro as the Satan wars against you. But it's settled, I'm a child of God. And I don't have to say no to gambling because the new man doesn't gamble. I don't have to say no to cigarettes, because the new man doesn't need cigarettes. I don't have to say no I'm not going to take that Prozac, because the new man is a new creation in Christ Jesus. Hallelujah! And my heart and my mind is settled. The spirit of fear, you can have it if you want to. But if you want the spirit of power, and the spirit of love, and the spirit of a sound mind you can have it tonight..."

Now what you have just read is only a portion of Donnie's "sermon on fear", and it was centered around a real-life story from his past. Because you see even though we didn't include it in this sermonet, Donnie's opening illustration gave a few of the vivid details concerning Ted Sauceman and his fear-filled "emergency landing" incident aboard JSM's private airplane. I mean what Donnie had to say about Ted was not very pretty! Talk about fear! Talk about panic! And the point that Donnie was trying to make was that Ted Sauceman – the "Christian" – was so bound-up by the "fear of flying" that he couldn't properly function as JSM's radio station manager. In other words Ted Sauceman did not have "the spirit of power, and the spirit of love, and the spirit of a sound mind".

So that was the example that Donnie Swaggart used in his message on "fear", but the example that he should have used is that of his very own father. Because you see it was in the exact same sermon in which Jimmy Swaggart "confessed" to his idolatry (see "**Jimmy Swaggart Trashes Knee Worshiping Frances! (8/14/05)**") that he also "confessed" to his overwhelming "**fear of pornography**". In other words, when it comes to this thing about "pornography", Jimmy Swaggart does not have "the spirit of power, and the spirit of love, and the spirit of a sound mind". I mean when it comes to this thing about "pornography", Jimmy Swaggart is not only **addicted to "IT"**, but **also in bondage to "IT"**, and very much so **fearful of "IT"**. In fact let me show you exactly what I mean:

Jimmy Swaggart Ministries/Family Worship Center Home Church Video – May 2005, 1st Sunday

(Jimmy Swaggart)

“...are you hearing what I’m saying? It’ll separate you! The Cross will separate you from ‘Seagram’s 7’! The Cross, ha, I couldn’t believe it the other day. Loren told me , he said “Brother Swaggart everything that you could think of” he said “I was hooked on when I got saved.” And what’s that stuff you put in your mou... lip? Copenhagen? Snuff! I fell on the floor laughing. I couldn’t picture him at 19 years old with a lip full of snuff. But when he got saved, when he got saved, the Lord separated him from Copenhagen. Copenhagen or something! Oh while I’m here I might as well just pitch a tent and stay awhile. **The Cross! The Cross will separate you from anything and everything the world has to offer! Hallelujah! It’ll separate you from that garbage that comes over your computer. I don’t have a computer. I don’t know anything about a computer. I’ve got about 40 in, in the office, the office has got one everywhere. But I don’t have a computer. I don’t want a computer. But no, no it’s no sin to have a computer. You can have all you want of them. But, I’m going to tell you something tonight that most of you ‘oh-ooooo, I feel so sorry for you!’ Well if you were sit, sitting where I’m sitting and looking at you, you would feel sorry for some of you too! I’m going to be honest with you, I, I love God with all my heart. I, I, every, every waking minute of my day is spent trying to get closer to the Lord and working for the Lord Jesus Christ. But,** I went into our head of um comp, our head of, who heads up our computer department. He’s been with us for 30 years. Loves the Lord. And, ah, he told me some things the other day I couldn’t believe my ears that’s coming over the Internet. The pornography that’s as filthy as it can get. Now I’m going to tell you something you might not like me after this, but I’m going to tell you anyway. **I don’t trust myself!** (Audience applauds.) Follow what I’m saying? I can, I can walk by liquor all of my, an oh, I just, all, all day long. I smelled a beer the other day and I’m not going to tell you what it smelled like. It bothers me not at all. But **there’s some things I know not to get around. I know not to do it.** You can boast ‘Well I’m man enough’, no you aren’t either! No you aren’t either! I don’t care who you are. You aren’t man enough, or you aren’t woman enough! This Bible says to shun the very appearance of evil! Well does that mean that I can’t have a computer? I didn’t say that. You can have all the computers you want, but you’d better put that junk on them that stops the garbage from coming through. **Cause sin has a power to it** and I’m going to prove it to you in a moment...”

Now the “sin” that Jimmy Swaggart “confessed to” in that particular message (the one that’s still “yoked” around his neck) is the “sin of pornography”. In other words Jimmy Swaggart is not only **addicted to “pornography”, but also in bondage to “pornography”, and very much so fearful of “pornography”**. And the amazing thing about Jimmy Swaggart’s “true confession” is that only a few minutes prior to him speaking it, he spoke of the “**revelation from God**” that **delivered him from the “sin of pornography”**. In fact here’s what he had to say:

“...How I love every Word of this Book. But there is something about Romans, that’s the Magna Carta of my life. **Because I was in that great sixth chapter of Romans when the Spirit of God came upon me and a few moments time He began to show me the answer. First He showed me the problem. He told me, He said the problem is the sin nature. You don’t understand about the sin nature. And if you do not understand it, it will rule your life in some way just as it did before you were saved. It will not rule and reign as it did totally but**

it will in some manner, no matter how hard you try otherwise. I don't care how consecrated you are...

"...and the Lord said the problem is you don't understand the sin nature. You don't understand how it works, you don't understand how to overcome it. He didn't give me any answer as far as to how to overcome it, He just told me, He said the problem is the sin nature...

"...the Lord spoke to my heart and said now I'm going to tell you the answer to the sin nature. The answer for which you seek is the Cross. The solution for which you seek is the Cross. And it's not one (1) of five (5) solutions or two (2) solutions it is the only solution. There remaineth one sacrifice for sin and that is the, the Cross of Jesus Christ. That's the reason we preach the Cross, we sing the Cross, we shout the Cross, we talk the Cross, we dream the Cross, we pray the Cross..."

Now the way this thing works is as follows. It was after his fall with the prostitute (live pornography) that Jimmy Swaggart earnestly sought the Lord for deliverance from his sin nature. You see he "thought" that he was an "overcomer in Christ" until the Devil showed him that he wasn't! And of course not only did Jimmy Swaggart find out that he wasn't, but the whole wide world found out too! Talk about humiliation!

But anyway, broken and defeated, Jimmy Swaggart sought God for the answer to his dilemma: "How do I overcome the sin of pornography?" And, in Jimmy Swaggart's very own words, the reply that he received from God was: **"You don't understand the sin nature, you don't understand how it works, and you don't understand how to overcome it"**, but **"the answer for which you seek is the Cross."** **"The solution for which you seek is the Cross."**

So, with his "Word from God" in hand, Jimmy Swaggart set out to revolutionize Christianity! I mean he **"preached the Cross, sang the Cross, shouted the Cross, talked the Cross, dreamed the Cross, and prayed the Cross"**. However, the **single most important thing that he didn't do was "live the Cross!!!"** (See **"The Cross!!! Whose Cross???" (3/27/05)** for the revelation on The Cross.)

And with all of that in mind, let's proceed on along with the message – **"Jimmy Swaggart Thinks He Has Arrived...But God's Got An Eraser!"** Because you see what we're about to discover, though Jimmy Swaggart's very own teaching, is the "error of his ways" concerning the "Cross of Jesus Christ" that has caused him to lose his way. In fact, believe it or not but the Jimmy Swaggart teaching series that we'll be using is entitled **"How To Be An Overcomer"** [CD #07-502]. And what better way to lead into this teaching than with the Jimmy Swaggart introduction that's posted on it's cover:

"Christians read the Words of Christ given to us in Revelation, Chapter 2 and 3, as it concerns the absolute necessity of being an overcomer, but simply don't know how to be what is demanded. On the CD, we give you the Biblical way of being an overcomer. The irony is, through Christ, every Believer is already an overcomer. So the idea is for you to actually be what you already are. I personally believe the teaching contained on this CD will be some

of the most instructional and informative you have ever heard, and its subject is the single most important thing in your life – **living an overcoming, Christian life.**”

So that’s what’s on the cover, and now for a sample of what’s on the CD:

The Teaching Ministry Of Jimmy Swaggart: How To Be An Overcomer [CD #07-502]

(Loren Larson)

“...I just have this question. We were talking, you were talking before the break of the bitter waters of Marah and how we need to put the Cross in, in the water. Now we know in, in the physical sense Moses and the people would have found that Cross or that tree, if you will, and placed it within the confines of the water that was bitter, and the water was healed. That’s the way”

(Jimmy Swaggart)

“The waters became sweet.”

(Loren Larson)

“So how does, and I think, I just wanted to ask this question and let you answer it, how does the Believer spiritually put the Cross to work in those circumstances?”

(Jimmy Swaggart)

“Good question – by faith. There’s no other way that it can be done. It’s not a literal thing, it’s not a material thing, it’s really what Christ has already done. It’s a finished work. It’s the, the, the, the, the tree has in effect already been put into the waters. That was done when Christ died on the Cross. It’s you and I appropriating what He has done by placing it in our problem. We place that in our need. Here’s the way it’s done. It’s not a big thing, and some people resent it, because it doesn’t require any works from the individual. It doesn’t require “do this, do that, do this” and people love that. They love to “do this” and “do that” and they like to think “You know I’ve done something others can’t do.” And they like all of that. And, so when you come up and say it’s nothing you can do, or nothing you are required to do, sss, believe it or not some Christians resent that. And, but it’s not, because it’s already been done. If you and I could do something, or had to do something that would effect that which we need, well then that would automatically state that Christ didn’t do it all.”

(Loren Larson and panel group)

“That’s right.”

(Jimmy Swaggart)

“That would, that automatically states, that insults Him, that states that He didn’t finish the work at the Cross; what He did was partial, and I need to complete it now, which is a prideful, egotistical thing. And, but that’s really what is happening, whether the person understands that or not, that’s really what is taking place. So, you don’t do that. The Christ work is a finished work, we have to understand that...”

So, Jimmy Swaggart and his “devoted panel group” say that the Biblical way to become an “overcomer” is by having “faith” in the “Cross of Christ”. Well, without a doubt, that’s the Gospel Truth! However, it’s right about the time Jimmy Swaggart and his “devoted panel group” say that becoming an “overcomer” in Christ “**doesn’t require any works from the individual**”, well, that’s where we have to draw the line and holler “**FOUL!!!**” In fact in order to help clear the air of this very unpleasant smell, what do you say we take a look at the Scripture in question:

“So Moses brought Israel from the Red sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness, and found no water. And when they came to Marah, **they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter**: therefore the name of it was called Marah. And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink? **And he cried unto the LORD; and the LORD shewed him a tree, which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet: there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them, And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.**” (Exodus 15:22-26 KJV)

Now you tell me! Is Jimmy Swaggart’s “answer” to Loren Larson’s “question” correct according to God’s Word? -- “**So how does...the Believer spiritually put the Cross to work in those circumstances?**” – “**It’s a finished work...it doesn’t require any works from the individual**”!

Well, according to what “thus saith the Lord” through my King James version of God’s Holy Bible, the Scripture in Exodus 15:22-26 very clearly states that the process of “putting the Cross into the bitter waters” requires an act (**work**) of obedience by the Believer: “**If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do [as in work] that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee...for I am the LORD that healeth thee.**”

But let’s not stop there! Because you see in the beginning, when I was preparing to write this message, I sought the Lord in prayer for His direction. And the Scripture that He gave me to “prove” that Jimmy Swaggart’s name has been erased from God’s Book of Life (i.e. he’s **not** an “overcomer”) is the same Scripture that Jimmy Swaggart used in his teaching CD of “How To Be An Overcomer”. I mean go figure! Jimmy Swaggart had the Scripture needed to “overcome” his sin problem...he just didn’t receive it in the Spirit of God!

But anyway, the “proof” Scripture that God gave me for Jimmy Swaggart is as follows:

“And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; **These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works (G2041), that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works (G2041) perfect before God.** Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. Thou hast a few

names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy. **He that overcometh**, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and **I will not blot out his name out of the book of life**, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.” (Revelation 3:1-6 KJV)

Now the first thing we need to do in order to receive God’s proper understanding of that particular “overcoming” Scripture is PRAY: “Lord show us your Truth!” And then we need to do a word search in the *Strong’s Concordance* on that one very important word “works”:

Works (G2041) [ergon - er'-gon] - From **ergo** (a primary but obsolete word; to work); **toil** (as an effort or occupation); by implication **an act**: - **deed, doing, labour, work.**

So, with that “working” definition in mind, lets put it all together for Jimmy Swaggart...as in “thus saith the Lord!!! Because by starting out with the fact that God does have an eraser...

“And the LORD said unto Moses, **Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.**” (Exodus 32:33 KJV)

...we can proceed on along with the understanding that God can choose **not to use His eraser:**

“**He that overcometh**, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and **I will not blot out his name out of the book of life**, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.” (Revelation 3:5 KJV)

However, by continuing on with our investigation we can come to the understanding of **what it takes for God to use His eraser:**

“**...I know thy works (G2041), that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works (G2041) perfect before God.**” (Revelation 3:1-2 KJV)

So you see the Believer’s ability to “**overcome**” their “**sin nature**” and become “**perfect before God**” has everything to do with “**WORKS**” (G2041):

“**Seest thou how faith wrought with his works (G2041), and by works (G2041) was faith made perfect?**” (James 2:22 KJV)

“**For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works (G2041) is dead also.**” (James 2:26 KJV)

“**Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth [as in works] the will of my Father which is in heaven.**” (Matthew 7:21 KJV)

But...seeing how Jimmy Swaggart believes that becoming an “overcomer” in Christ is **“by faith (alone)...it’s really what Christ has already done...it doesn’t require any works from the individual”**, well, it doesn’t take a rocket scientist to figure out the rest! I mean Jimmy Swaggart has not been made “perfect before God” because he has not been willing to do the “works” that God has required of him in order to become an “overcomer in Christ”. That’s the bad news! However, it’s not too late! Jimmy Swaggart can become an “overcomer”, and get his name back in The Book of Life, **if** he will only...

“Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.” (Acts 3:19-22 KJV)

So that’s the good news for Jimmy Swaggart! But then again the “bad news” is that Jimmy Swaggart has to receive that same “good news” through **the mouth of a prophet**. And seeing how we’re on the subject of the “prophet”, well, it was in the same message that Jimmy Swaggart preached on “Elijah the prophet” that we’re going to uncover just another one of Jimmy Swaggart’s “swaggering ways” that could keep him from receiving what “thus saith the Lord” through the prophet:

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“...and he told Ahab, gather everybody in Israel. I don’t know if all came or how many came, but there were thousands who came. Gather them to Mount Carmel, and gather the four hundred and fifty (450) prophets of Baal. I’m the only prophet in Israel. So it’s four hundred and fifty (450) to one (1). It’s always been just about those odds. You need to hear what I’m saying! For every one (1) true prophet there are about four hundred and fifty (450) false ones. You’re not hearing what I’m telling you. Oh they all scream ‘I’m a prophet’, I’m this, and I’m that, and I’m the other, but there was one (1) true prophet in Israel. One (1), but one (1) is enough. I said one (1) is enough! If God has one (1) that’s enough! If God has one (1) that’s enough! There were four hundred and fifty (450) prophets of Baal! The nation is filled with prophets of Baal! Today! Now! Present! I like what Brother Jones said this morning. I, let me see how to say this. Eight (8) or ten (10) years ago I didn’t say anything, I just let them go ahead and pray. They’d come up, ‘We’ve got a word for you.’ They didn’t have a bit more word for me than I’m going to be elected president yesterday. (Audience laughs.) ‘Well how do you know they don’t have?’ Because the Lord would have told me, already! I live close enough to Him that He can speak to me as well! (Audience applauds.) Are you hearing what I’m saying tonight? And now I don’t put up with it. They come up, ‘I’ve got a Word from you’, I’ll stop them right, ‘No you don’t either.’ ‘I don’t’, I say ‘No you don’t either!’ I don’t want some prophet of Baal laying his hands on me. (Audience applauds.) Somebody ought to shout in this place!

(Audience applauds.) **You'd better be careful at the preachers you listen at over television or listen to over radio, or you'd better be careful of the preachers that you listen to behind any pulpit!** (Audience applauds.) **The most dangerous place in town is not Joe's Bar, you know what that is. It's church.** Not all the time but most of the time..."

You see **Jimmy Swaggart** "**thinks that he has arrived**". In fact Jimmy Swaggart is so swaggering drunk "in himself" that he thinks he doesn't need a prophet to give him the Word of God that will give him the opportunity to get his name back in the Book of Life: "**Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out**"!

In fact the underlying reason that Jimmy Swaggart has lost his salvation is found in the Scriptural Text for that same message:

"So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel. **And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.**" (1 Kings 18:20-21 KJV)

You see the reason that the people of Israel "**answered him not a word**", was because of the fact that Elijah asked them a very tough question: "**How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him.**" Because you see God's chosen people (Israel) had sorta like drifted over into Baal worship because of their fearless leaders King Ahab and Queen Jezebel. In fact this thing about "Baal worship" was really Queen Jezebel's idea...and so much so that a person could have lost their head if they didn't agree. And of course it only stands to reason that a very vivid picture of Jezebel's "chopping block" was flashing in the minds of the people as Elijah asked his very pointed question. I mean a decision to "side with God" could have very well caused them to lose their head!

And taking this scenario back to Jimmy Swaggart and the mess that he's in, well, he needs to answer Elijah's question too: "**How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him.**" Because you see the "other god" in Jimmy Swaggart's life is "one and the same" as the Jezebel who's demanding his worship. In other words Jimmy Swaggart "fears" the wrath of Frances more than he fears the wrath of God! (See "**Jimmy Swaggart Trashes Knee Worshiping Frances! (8/14/05)**") for more details.)

So, to wrap this one up, God says "**Jimmy Swaggart is not an overcomer**"...and the following applies to him:

"**He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.**" (Revelation 21:7-8 KJV)

Without a doubt, that is not a very pretty picture!!! However, it's not too late for Jimmy Swaggart to recover from his fiery tail spin into Hell...and that even includes the other

two – “Frances and Donnie”. So please keep them in your prayers, and consider the error of their ways, so that God’s eraser won’t get you too. In other words “**Keep** on keeping **the faith in Jesus!!!**” by **keeping His Word and doing His works!!!** (See “**Life Through The Flesh And Blood Of Jesus! (11/28/04)**” for more on this subject.)

“Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.” (John 5:19 KJV)

“I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.” (John 5:30 KJV)

“Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work (G2041).” (John 4:34 KJV)

“These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:...I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work (G2041) which thou gavest me to do.” (John 17:4 KJV)

“And whatsoever ye do in word or deed (G2041), do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.” (Colossians 3:17 KJV)

“I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.” (John 12:46-50 KJV)

(See “**You’ve Asked A Hard Thing Lord! (10/23/05)**” for more details on obeying the Word of God.)

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