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No Srooms In the Inn A morel goes to check into a motel. The owner says, "I"m sorry you can't check in, we don't have mush room here."

Crisis in the the Woods

Bubba and his best friend Larry are having a great day hunting mushrooms when Larry starts to feel dizzy then passes out. Bubba whips out his cell phone and calls 911. 'We're over in the woods, and my friend Larry passed out and is unconscious and needs an ambulance.'

"Where exactly are you?" asks the operator. "We'll send one right over."

"Uh, uh . . ." stammers Bubba, realizing they are at their honey hole (favorite hunting place), "I'll just drag him over to the bridge and dump him. You can pick him up there."

The Smokin' Kind

Junior and Howard are hunting mushrooms up the holler when Junior spies one of the biggest morels he has ever seen. It is nearly a foot tall and is a perfect specimen. He is just about ready to pick it when the 'sroom says, "Don't pick me. I'm'The Great Morel.' Leave me be, and I'll grant you your wildest wish."

Junior thinks about it for a few minutes, then says, "We could use a new highway up the holler from Needmore to Richmond."

"I don't know," says The Great Morel. "It's a big job and quite expensive, building roads nowadays."

"Well," says Howard. "Justmake us irresistible to women." "How many lanes did you want that highway?"

Mushrom Poisoning

Ma strikes up a conversation with a new woman at church who has been widowed three times. "What happened to your first husband," asks Ma.



WAITING

AND WAITING



It was a hot July afternoon and we were topping tobacco on the John Calmes come from? Did he come farm off Stump Road. The from the woods? Is that hopping is the act surreptirows were long and the air why they stopped? Reckon was humid and thick. The he has a gun...no, I bet he's in a railroad freight car. In ous

The Wiles of the Devil by BOB CASEY, preacher **Church of Christ**

I know not of any passage in the Bible that tells us that we are to study about the devil. But, in many passages, we are made aware of the very nature of his being. In John 8:44, Jesus said of these disbelieving Jews, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him.

A Hobo in a Boxcar tobacco was way over my a hobo, I've heard Daddy the United States, this be-

head; that was before it was talk about hobos, I've got came a common means of sprayed with MH-30, you to find Daddy. could not see anything until you reached the end of the side of the tobacco patch roads began pushing westrow

end of row and wiped my exclaimed to Dad there a came known as "hobos." face...... and got a cold hobo!! There's a hobo in drink of water; then I heard that box car!!! Dad said spread by those who could a train approaching the it's illegal and if they catch not afford other transporrailroad crossing. It began him they will put him off slowing down and eventu- the train. He ducked back tough economic times, such ally stopped on the cross- down in the boxcar, so I ing. They were switching don't guess they found him cars or something.

I thought, where did he scared me.

Most are drifters or home- to a rail yards where train All of a sudden this less and don't bother any- crews switch out crews and man raised up out of this one but sometimes they they hide and wait and they box car!!!! I was terrified; are dangerous; but it sure jump the train while it is

> Freight hopping or train called, "catching the fly". tiously boarding and riding mended and is very danger-

transportation following I took off down the far the Civil War as the railhollering for Dad. I prob- ward; especially among Finally, I did get to the ably scared the hobo! I migrant workers who be-

It continued to be widely tation, especially during as the Depression.

Typically, riders will go moving when they take off,

Hoboing is not recom-



A Veterans Benefits Field Representative will be at the National Guard Armory, 335 Cow Creek Road, Ravenna, on Thursday, April 2nd and normally the first Thursday of each month. The hours are 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Veterans and their dependants will receive assistance filing for Federal and state veterans benefits. This service is provided free of charge by the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs. To apply, veterans need to furnish copies of pertinent documentation to verify eligibility. For further information, please call toll free within Kentucky, 1-866-376-0308, to speak with a Veterans Benefits Field Representative.

"He died from eating poison mushrooms," the lady replies.

"And what about the second one?"

"He died of mushroom poisoning, too," says the lady. "And what about the third?"

"Oh, he died of a broken neck"

"A broken neck!?" says Ma. "That's terrible. What happened?"

"He wouldn't eat the mushrooms!"

Late From Work

Harry arrives home from work three hours late, and his wife meets him at the door. His hair is messed up, he has lipstick on his collar, and he smells of a woman's perfume

"Don't lie to me, Harry," she says. "I saw you sneaking that bread sack into your pocket this morning. You've been mushroom hunting with Jake again, haven't you?"

Snake Bite

Bubba and Larry are hunting dry land fish in McKinney Holler when Bubba gets nature's call. He goes behind a big stump, pulls down his pants and squats to do his duty. Suddenly, a big copperhead snake hidden in the leaves is startled by Bubba's presence and bites him on the rear end Bubba comes rolling out from behind the stump screaming and takes off running while trying to hold his pants up Larry hears him scream and chases after him. He finally catches Bubba and finds out that he has been snakebitten on the rear. Larry whips out his cell phone and calls 911. They immediately put him in touch with the poison control center where a doctor tells him he has to make a small incision above the wound and suck the poison out or his friend might die. Larry gets off the phone, and Bubba asks, "What did he tell you.'

After a few thoughtful minutes, Larry replies, "He said you were going to die."

Dry Land Fish

Pa and Farmer Green are sitting on the store porch whittling when a van with Yankee license tags comes rolling up the holler pulling a boat, and brakes to a stop at the store. A whole bunch of people come climbing out and each one is dressed in camoflouge and packing either a rifle, a fishing pole or net. Two of them are leading a couple of hounds and carrying burlap feed sacks.

"We're going hunting for some of them 'dry land fish" my grandma from Kentucky always talked about," says the driver.

"We even brought along our snipe hunting bags," adds another of the group, pointing at the burlap bags, "Just to make sure we can catch them."

Pa looks to Farmer Green and just shakes his head. Then he turns to the driver and says, "We saw two coming by here just a few minutes ago, if you hurry you can catch them.'

"Wait a minute, wait a minute," says Green, winking at Pa. "You forgot, the season doesn't open until next weekend."

When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."

In Genesis 3, we find the deception and murder of Adam and Eve. Notice: the only weapon he used was a lie. Then, in 2 Corinthians 11:3, Paul said, "But I fear, lest by <u>any means</u>, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ." Word of warning: Satan will use any means, any person, any hatred of God; he also hates God's people, and will use any means to destroy them. At this time in world history, he seems to be going all out to destroy men, why is this? Revelation 12:12 may have the answer, "... Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.'

Sadly, since the very conception of the church, many false teachers were with it at the same time. In 2 Peter 2:1, here is says, "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies "Verse 2 reports, "And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of." In 2 Corinthians 11, 13-14, Paul warns the church, saying, "such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. ¹⁴And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light." Then he adds, "15. *. it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed* as the ministers of righteousness;

Sadly, Peter writes that "... many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. ³And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you . . . (2 Peter 2-3).

1 John 2:19 says, "They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us." In his love for the church, the Apostle Paul tells the Ephesians elders in Acts 20:28-30, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God . . . " warning, "29 . . . that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock." <u>Then he warned</u>, "³⁰Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. ³¹Therefore watch . . .

My advice to anyone desiring to go to Heaven, is this: Do as Paul says in 2 Timothy 2:15, "Study to shew *thyself approved unto God*" Our Lord also said in **Matthew 11:28,** "*Come unto me*..." Connect with me, learn of me, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. One can be free from doubt and confusion by reading the Bible, for themselves and then doing what it says. this is what the Lord requires of you. (See Luke 6:46).

Sincerely, Bob Casey, 1-859-369-4165

