#### Shall He Find Faith on The Earth?

by Linville Dunaway, Corinth Christian church

unjust judge and the widow. The message of the story is that men should always pray, trusting God to answer the prayer of faith. At the end of the parable, in verse eight, he asked the question, "Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" Looking at the world today I find the question more important than ever, even among the "Church."

He didn't say, "Shall I find a church on the earth," he spoke of faith. Is a church that has meetings, or services, but change, or leave out, the commands of God, really a church? People can carry a bible, dress nice, and go to a "church" but is it a church in God's eyes? **2 Timothy 3:4-5**, "Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." The scriptures speak of a worldly church that may look like it is serving God, but is a church in name only. **Revelation 3:1**, "And unto

God's idea of a church and man's is very different indeed. happens on Sunday morning.

Man often seems to think that ritual and ceremoday the "church" is still divided in dozens of dominations who say that they follow Jesus. Love? Where is it? I know that there are those who do love and try their best to follow the Lord, but in general I don't see it, do you?

Not only is there a lack of love for each other, I'm tell you so. not sure there is the love for the Lord that we say that we study and some on Sunday night services because so few the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith If this continues, then we wonder how many congrega- being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; tions will be around when Jesus comes. His "people" may work reprobate."

I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, be out shopping, visiting, or at some other activity when and art dead." There are several scriptures that show that he comes, certainly there will be few in church, unless it

Will he find faith on the earth? Yes, he will. There **Luke 18:1-8**, Jesus had just told the parable of the ny, along with fancy buildings make a good church. God are always some who dare to believe the Lord and to folwants faith, love, mercy, and obedience in his church. To- low him. They may not be well thought of by the majority of the people or even by the majority of the church, with conflicting doctrines. Even among those with the but if the Lord is pleased, then all is well with them. A lot same name there is often differences that separate those of believers, seem to think that they can be Christians by saying that they are Christians. They don't want to pray, read their bibles, or do any visiting of the sick, talking to the lost about the Lord, but they're alright, and they will

> The future of the church here on earth? I don't know. have. Does a person who truly loves the Lord forsake the but I can't help but wonder about it. Few parents bring worship service? So many think that if they bless the Lord their children to church, or come themselves unless it with their presence on Sunday morning then the rest of is an occasional visit. When the older members die out, the day is theirs to do as they please. So many congre- who will be in church? Then the question is, when the gations have closed the doors on Wednesday night bible Lord comes who will go to heaven? Do those who say that they believe in God, but live for the world make up a body bother to come. As the older generation passes on, it aposition of believer that is pleasing to the Lord? **Titus 1:16**, "They pears that the younger ones don't feel the need to come. profess that they know God; but in works they deny him,

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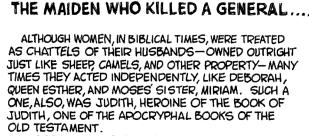
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