

## Some Say, "We Will Not Do It"

by Linville Dunaway, Corinth Christian Church

In the days of Jeremiah a group of people came to him, desiring to know the will of God. At least that is what they claimed, and they even swore to do what God said whether it was good, or bad. Babylon had defeated the Jews and had carried many away captive. Those that remained were to remain in the land and to be in submission to the king of Babylon because of the sins of the nation. When Jeremiah told them the will of God, they basically called him a liar and refused to follow the word of God. (**Jeremiah 42-44**).

Isn't it much the same today? There are those who come before the Lord in the house of worship supposedly to hear God's word. When they hear it they refuse to do it. They may not be like the Jews that went to Egypt against the will of God. Those Jews plainly said, "As for the word that thou hast spoken unto us in the name of the LORD, we will not hearken unto thee," (**Jeremiah 44:16**). At least they had the boldness to say what they believed where most people of today do not.

What was the purpose of those people coming to Jeremiah if they already knew what they were going to do? He didn't go seek them out to tell them, they came to him and asked him to talk to

God and find out what they were supposed to do. They promised to do whatever the Lord wanted them to do. When it was not what they wanted to hear they got angry and would not obey the Lord.

Today I see much similarity between them and a lot of people in the church. They call for a preacher to preach God's Word and say that they want to hear the truth. Then when the message is not what they want to hear they go ahead and do what they really want to do. If the preacher is not preaching the truth then they need to try to find one that will. Many though had rather be entertained than taught the true Word of God.

For instance the bible tells us to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteous. Do you know of many that will actually do this? There are a few, but the majority go their own way. No one who puts God first in his life forsakes the house of worship and stays home to watch TV, or to go visiting, shopping, or anything else. Unless there is sickness, or some emergency the true believer will be in the house of God to worship the Lord. Giving God the scraps of our time is not the way of true worship, yet many come to church when there is not something else that they want to do.

Visit the sick? Jesus said that his followers should do that, and he didn't mean to visit just family, or friends. Too many people think that this is just a job for the preacher and that they have no responsibility to do it. I have had several through the years who were diseased, hurt, or in some way home bound and unable to

come to church. They would ask me to tell the church to come and visit them, saying that my wife and I were the only ones to come. These poor sick saints were hurt and discouraged because they were forgotten by those who claimed to love them. They that won't visit the sick should read the words of Jesus in **Matthew 25:31-46**. Jesus told them that as they had done, or not done, to others, they had done unto him.

"Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me," **John 5:39**. When Jesus said this he was talking to the Jews who opposed him, not to a group of preachers. Why do so many feel that the preacher should know the bible but that no one else needs to read it? I have been told that it is hard to understand, hard to remember, and a lot of others excuses for not reading it. Well, I suppose one excuse is as good as another. If a person is willing to tell the Lord that then try it and see how it works out.

I wonder as well, if there will be much of a church in the future, at least in some places. Several small churches are in danger of closing, and even some larger ones struggle to continue. Why? To me the answer is lack of interest in the membership. The older members are passing away and a lot of the younger people just don't seem to care as much. Children are often not brought to church and they see little in the example at home to inspire them to trust in the Lord.

# Facts About The BIBLE BY JOHN LEHTI

**RAVENNA Food Mart**  
314 Main Street  
Ravenna, KY  
Phone 723-6333

**Owl Head's Grocery & Feed**  
Phone 723-7473 South Irvine, Ky.  
Novelties - Open 7 Days A Week  
Donald & Katherine Dixon, Owners

**Advertise Here!**  
Call 723-5012  
The Estill County Tribune

**Hardy Oil Company, Inc.**  
74 River Drive  
Irvine, Kentucky  
Phone 723-3664

**CASH IN A DASH Payday Loans**  
Buy Gold-Silver  
Phone 723-0799  
(Irvine, next to Bunt Gross)

**Advertise Here!**  
Call 723-5012  
The Estill County Tribune

**Gum Springs Church of God**  
Highway 213 (Furnace Junction)  
Call 723-4180  
Church Services  
Sunday School 10 am • Morning Worship 11:15 am  
Sunday Night 6 pm • Wednesday Night 6 pm

**Spout Springs Baptist Church**  
Hwy. 82, Irvine, KY  
Pastor Tim Floyd  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
Morning Worship 11:00 am  
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm  
4th Sunday Singing 6:00 pm  
Everyone Is Welcome!

**High Street Full Gospel Church**  
Irvine, Kentucky  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
Morning Worship 11:00 am  
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm  
Welcome!  
Pastor David Woosley  
(859) 369-5354

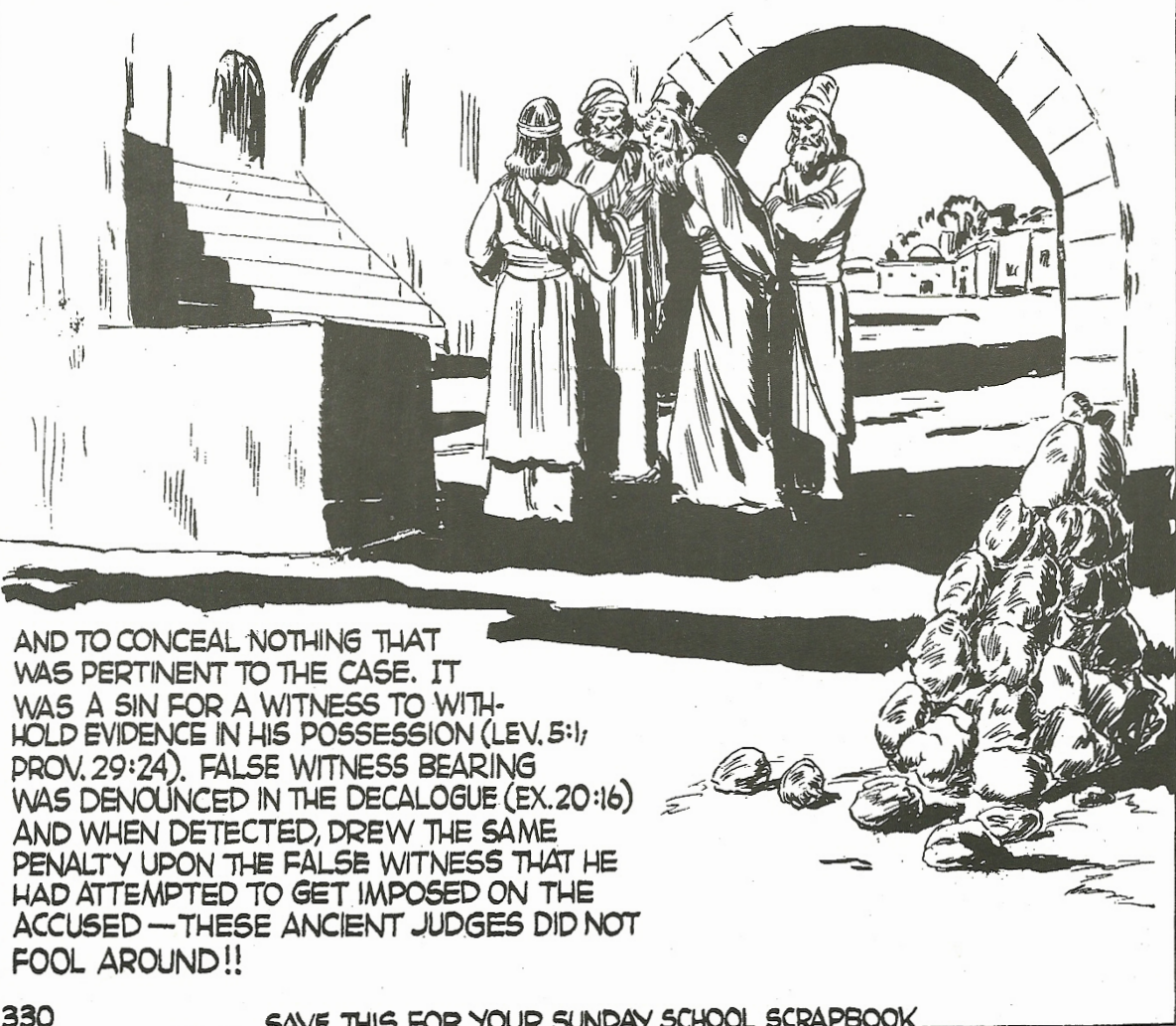
Facts About The BIBLE BY JOHN LEHTI

**"LET THIS BE A WITNESS!"**

WITH THESE WORDS MANY A BIBLICAL PERSON WOULD SEAL A CONTRACT OR A COVENANT, OR A BUSINESS PROMISE BY SOME TANGIBLE TOKEN AS A HEAP OF STONES, OR A MONUMENT WITH A CHISELED MARK OF AGREEMENT ON THE STONE (GEN. 31:46-52). SOMETIMES IT WAS BY A WRITTEN DOCUMENT SUCH AS A DEED OR A LETTER OF DIVORCE (DEUT. 24:1, 3; JER. 32:10). BUT THE MOST POPULAR METHOD WAS BY CALLING MEN TO WITNESS THE EVENT IN QUESTION. THIS CONCURRENT TESTIMONY OF AT LEAST TWO WITNESSES WAS REQUIRED UNDER THE MOSAIC LAW—ESPECIALLY IF IT WAS TO ESTABLISH GUILT OF A CAPITAL CRIME (NUM. 35:30). THIS PRINCIPLE WAS A GENERAL RULE IN ALL JUDICIAL PROCEDURE (DEUT. 19:15). ALL WITNESSES, BEFORE THE TESTIMONY WAS GIVEN, WERE CAUTIONED TO TELL NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH...

**Lewis-Abner Home For Funerals**  
Since 1929  
www.lewisfh.com  
224 Main  
Irvine, KY  
Pre-Need Services Available  
723-2151

**St. Elizabeth Catholic Church**  
322 5th St., Ravenna, KY  
Sunday Mass 9:00 am  
Wednesday Mass 6:00 pm  
Thursday Mass 6:00 pm  
Contact: Father Al Fritsch, S.J.  
(606) 723-4705



AND TO CONCEAL NOTHING THAT WAS PERTINENT TO THE CASE. IT WAS A SIN FOR A WITNESS TO WITHHOLD EVIDENCE IN HIS POSSESSION (LEV. 5:1; PROV. 29:24). FALSE WITNESS BEARING WAS DENOUNCED IN THE DECALOGUE (EX. 20:16) AND WHEN DETECTED, DREW THE SAME PENALTY UPON THE FALSE WITNESS THAT HE HAD ATTEMPTED TO GET IMPOSED ON THE ACCUSED—THESE ANCIENT JUDGES DID NOT FOOL AROUND!!

330 SAVE THIS FOR YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL SCRAPBOOK

**Inner Beauty Hair, Nails, Salon & Day Spa**  
363 Richmond Road, Irvine  
Phone 723-0118  
Joanna Jernigan  
Owner & Master Stylist  
Stephanie Isaacs  
Master Stylist & Nail Tech  
Sherry Harrison  
Master Stylist  
"For All Your Salon & Spa Needs"

**Honchell's Men's & Boys' Clothing & Shoes**  
Tuxedo Rental Available  
West Irvine Plaza  
Irvine, Kentucky  
Phone 723-7316

**Advertise Here!**  
Call 723-5012  
The Estill County Tribune

**Prayer Circle at Knowlton Church**  
Call for Prayer  
Kenny - 606 723-7451  
606 614-5711  
606-614-9340  
Benny - 859 404-8224  
Betty - 859 432-0939  
Dallas - 859 582-9752  
Willie - 606 454-8794

**SAVE-A-LOT**  
1290 Richmond Road  
Irvine, Kentucky  
Phone 723-6372

**Roadside Mission Church of God**  
Welcomes You!  
A Bible Teaching Church  
Furnace Junction Ravenna, KY  
Sunday School & Morning Worship, 10 am  
Sunday Evening Evangelistic Service, 6 pm  
Wed. Prayer Meeting & Bible Study, 6 pm  
Radio Ministry  
Sundays, 2:00 p.m. WSKV 104.9 FM

**Emmanuel Baptist Church**  
Now at 106 Tyler Lane  
Irvine, Kentucky 40336  
Pastor: Sherl Thomas  
Services  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
Sunday Worship 11:00 am  
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm  
Established  
September 12, 1999

Call 723-5012 to Advertise

**Warren F. Toler Funeral Home**  
Family Owned and Operated  
99 Cedar Grove  
www.tolerfuneralhome.com  
Phone 723-2183  
Obituary Line Phone 723-4242

Call 723-5012 to Advertise