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Calling on the Lord
by Jeff Fry

How do we call on God? If I may, let me give an illustration. I want you to call me. How do you do it?

First, find my name in the telephone book.

Second, write the number down (1-937-454-0326).

Third, dial it in it's correct order.

What happens if you miss a number calling me? Will you get me? No. What happens if you change the order of the numbers? Will you get me? No. What happens if you decide numbers don't mean anything and decide you can say the 4 = the 6? Will you get me? No. What happens if you say you intended to call me but never got around to it? Will I get your call? No.

Is that easy? Let's do the same spiritually. Do you want to talk to God?

First, Find HIS number in the BOOK.

Second, write it down: Hear-Believe-Repent-Confess-Baptized.

(Rom. 10:17; Rom. 10:9,10; Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16).

Third. Dial it in its correct order.

Can man reach God by missing a number (saying baptism isn't necessary)? No. Can man change the order by saying the call is completed after confession? No. Can man say that confessing, "I'm a sinner." is the same as "confessing Jesus as Christ." and still be making the right call? No. Can man get God by being sprinkled as a baby and believe later in life? No. Can man get God by intentions alone? No.

God has promised that if man calls HIS number: He will answer. It is a direct line, no waiting, no answering machine, no computer menus. It must, however, be HIS number. Dial it today, please.

By the way, the same principle is necessary in sending letters in the mail. I've learned the same principle holds true for the modern day "e-mailing". The addresses must be typed in exactly the way they are listed and in the right order or they don't get through. My e-mail address is: *JEF74@aol.com*. Thanks for reading.

Times of Services

Sundays - 2:00 pm Bible class, 3:00 pm Assembly Wednesdays - 6:30 pm Bible class

Beware of False Prophets

by Dick Ward

Did You Know the scriptures warn of False Prophets? Each person shoulders a responsibility to “... believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.” (1 John 4:1 KJV). While John’s statement (1 John 4:1) insists upon caution, most religious people are gullible and tend to accept all teachers as being true without any examination. Friends, false prophets teach false doctrine which leads to false ways and a false hope.

PROPHET TESTING

Yes, prophet testing or teacher testing is God’s way. People must do it and teachers and professed “prophets” ought to encourage it. A test is easily applied to the prediction: Did the thing predicted come to pass? Notice this point in Deuteronomy 18:22: “When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.” (Deut. 18:22 KJV).

Some men and women have been able to “guess” and thus “predict” an event which causes people to believe they are true prophets. Well, Deuteronomy 13:1-5 forewarns that one who is obviously not in agreement with previous revelation (though seemingly the thing he predicts comes to pass) cannot be a true prophet. The apostle Paul put it this way: “As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.” (Gal 1:9 KJV). Let all of us remember Jesus’ warning: “Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?” (Mat 7:15,16 KJV).

HOW TO PREPARE FOR FALSE PROPHETS

Friends, remember Jesus’ words: “Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.” (Mat 22:29 KJV). The sincere people of Berea “searched the scriptures to see ...” (Act 17:11). So, knowledge helps identify a false teacher or false prophet. Therefore, let us all study!

It is important to be awake - therefore, watch! (Acts 20:31). We need to set a watchman (Jeremiah 6:17). Paul said: “Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.” (Acts 20:31 KJV). Be on the lookout!

Seven Days Without Christ Makes One Weak!

Editor’s Note: If you would like a Home Bible Study in the privacy of your home, or would like to study further over the phone, or by computer (email), please feel free to contact us: Mark J. Ward, 445 Touchstone Parkway, Brunswick, Georgia 31525, (912) 265-6936 - markjward@yahoo.com

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Not the church of YOUR choice.
Romans 16:16 “...the churches of Christ salute you.”
