

# The Old Hickory Bulletin

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### ***REFUSING TO OBEY GOD BECAUSE OF ONE'S FAMILY***

Often in teaching the word of God, we are confronted by the problem of one who will not obey the truth he has learned because of his family. He discovers his loved ones have been in error. If they are dead he may even say, "*If they are lost, I don't want to be saved.*" Here are some things to consider. Weigh them carefully.

**IT IS RECKLESS SENTIMENTALISM** that keeps us from obeying the gospel because of our parents. Our parents cannot save us. It is an individual thing. No one can have your faith any more than they can have your health. In Ezekiel 18:20 we are taught individual responsibility before God. Father nor son can bear each other's iniquity. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die."

**IT IS A DISHONORING THING.** Our parents cannot save us but they can teach us to be honest with ourselves and the word of God. A refusal to do different once we have learned different dishonors our parents.

**IT IS AN INCONSISTENT THING.** What right do we have to ask the Buddhist to give up the god of his parents; or what right do we have to ask the Jew to give up the religion of his parents; What right, we say, do we have to ask such if we are not willing to give up the error of our parents, no matter how sincere they were?

**IT IS AN UNSCRIPTURAL THING.** Read what Christ said in Matthew 10:34-39. He says that if we love father or mother more than him we are not worthy of him. We must learn to love Christ more than anyone or anything. The chief accusation of ourselves will be always that we do not love him enough.

Read Luke 16:19-31. If a loved one is lost, they don't want you to be. They want you to know what they didn't know and do what they didn't do.

- John L. Clark, via *The Instructor*, July, 1985

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## **CAN WE EXPECT TO GO TO HEAVEN?**

Can we expect to go to heaven, if we are members of a plant that God has not planted? No! Matthew 15:13.

Can we expect to go to heaven if we are members of a house that God did not build? No! Psalms 127: 1.

Can we expect to go to heaven, if we wear a name that is not found in the Bible? No! Acts 4:12.

Can we expect to go to heaven, if we worship God after the commandments and doctrines of men? No! Matthew 15:9.

You are invited to check us by the Bible on anything we teach or practice. "Try the spirits." 1 John 4:1.

- Huston Gateley, 1971

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# Myself

I have to live with myself, and so  
I want to be fit for myself to know,  
I want to be able, as days go by,  
Always to look myself straight in the eye;  
I don't want to stand, with the setting sun,  
And hate myself for the things I've done.

I don't want to keep on the closet shelf  
A lot of secrets about myself,  
And fool myself, as I come and go,  
Into thinking that nobody else will know  
The kind of a man I really am;  
I don't want to dress up myself in sham.

I want to go out with my head erect,  
I want to deserve all men's respect;  
But here in the struggle for fame and pelf  
I want to be able to like myself.  
I don't want to look at myself and know  
That I'm bluster and bluff and empty show.

I can never hide myself from me;  
I see what others may never see;  
I know what others may never know,  
I never can fool myself, and so,  
Whatever happens, I want to be  
Self-respecting and conscience free.

- Edgar A. Guest

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**SUNDAY'S LESSONS:** Sunday morning: *"Do You Know How To Treat Your Father?"* (text: 1 Tim. 5:1-2); Sunday evening: *"When Religion Has No Authority!"* (text: Judges 17).

**SCHEDULE:** Our Fall Gospel Meeting will be July 29-Aug. 3, with Aaron Andrews.