

W L B Q May 17, 1981

This is Pastor Ransom Gibbs of the Morgantown Wesleyan Church located on the Morgansport Road across the St. from Morgantown Deposit Branch Bank.

I have been speaking to you every third Sunday of the month for three months.

20 years ago in June I came to Morgantown from Ashland, Ky. I have had many happy years here and this is where my four sons have grown up. All my boys played in the Band and graduated from Butler County High School. I have been in school too during this time teaching in Morgantown Elementary School and attending classes at Western University. I have had many experiences while teaching here in Morgantown, I can truthfully say I have enjoyed teaching here better than anywhere else. I treasure the memories of some of the happy times with the precious boys and girls. You never can tell what a child may be thinking. Last week, after one of my science classes had left the room, I found a note and a picture of a little girl. The note said, "Be patient Mr. Gibbs, God is not through with us yet." This little note set me to thinking. How true it is with the children, God has great plans for them. How we all need to be good teachers and parents to help God in his plan for each child. Sometimes I have come home from school tired and exhausted and troubled in spirit so I have gone out in the woods or on the hillside to get alone with God and my thoughts. So many times I have meditated and prayed and asked God to give me the wisdom and the understanding to lead the young lives that were entrusted to me. I have often felt God's presence and have seen how He has helped me as the new day dawns and I am back with the children again.

Some of the children have had great tragedies come to them and it is hard to know what to say to help them over the rough places in life. Now that another school year is coming to a close I am aware of the fact that I will never be able to be with the one in the same way as I have been this year. I am always faced with the question, have I done my best? but anyway I am glad God knows.

Sometimes I meet students I have ~~had~~ had in other years and some are fine Christians today and have a fine Christian wife or husband, some have had an unfortunate marriage and are so disappointed, some have really made shipwreck of their lives. And some have found a place of important service for God and country. I thank God for the opportunity to serve in this community.

The Morgantown Wesleyan Church has truly been of service to this community. We have always made it a policy to make everyone feel welcome. We have tried to bring everyone to church that didn't have a way and treat everyone as an important person regardless of their station in life. The congregation has never been large but we have enjoyed some wonderful fellowship and many people have been saved and started on their way to heaven.

We have Sunday School at 10 AM Preaching at 11 AM. Youth service at 6 PM Sunday and preaching at 630 PM. Prayer Meeting is on Wed. 7 PM. We also have a Young Missionary Workers Band once a month. and a Womens Missionary Society. In the Summer we sponsor a vacation Bible School which has been very well attended and enjoyed by the children.

I would like to invite you to come and worship with us if you don't have a church home. We are truly a Bible believing church and believe that the Bible is the infallible word of God and was written by men who were moved and directed by the Holy Spirit.

Now in closing this afternoon I would like to use some things I have read about the home, First In Psalm 127: We read. "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it. Here are some designs for a good Home.

Preparation, Invite the Lord Jesus Christ to lay the cornerstone. Excavate for foundation by removing all doubt, fear and selfishness.

Construction: Erect a strong framework of faith supported by sturdy beams of deep devotion; lay stout flooring of sympathetic understanding; lath with generosity, incubate with enthusiasm and plaster with a sense of humor. Shingle the roof with protective kindness and apply siding composed of high hope and great expectation. Chink all cracks and crevices with pleasant memories and little family jokes.

"Build in permanent fixtures of honesty and integrity. Provide doorways wide enough for the heavyhearted and the merry-hearted to enter. Plan plenty of windows to admit sunshine for the joy of living. Carefully weather-strip all openings with appreciation.

"Equip with plumbing adequate for daily cleansing of the Spirit: install heating apparatus guarantee to maintain a steady glow of friendly warmth; illuminate with shining radiance of smiles and tears, and ventilate with an unlimited supply of patience.

"Adorn the walls with cheerful courtesy and pave the hearth with hospitality.

"Cement the walk with humility and surround the yard with a fence of loyalty entered through the gate of gratitude.

"Furnish throughout with love.

"Insure against all disaster by fervent prayer for duty guidance.

"Walk right in the place is yours!

A good home for children may be a one-room apartment, a trailer, or a 12 room house, but it is a good home for a child if:

He is loved and wanted and knows it.

He is helped to grow up by not having too much or too little done for him.

He has some time and some space of his own.

He is part of the family, has fun with the family, and belongs.

His growing skills walking, talking, reading, making things are enjoyed and respected.

He plans with the family and is given real ways to help and feel needed throughout childhood.

As he grows older, he knows his parents are doing the best they can; they know the same about him.

He feels his parents care as much about him as they do about his brothers and sisters.

The family sticks together and the members help one another.

He is moderately and consistently disciplined from infancy, has limits set for his behavior, and is helped to take increasing responsibility for his own actions.

He has a personal knowledge of Christ as Saviour and is learning the joy that comes from serving Jesus at home and at school!

Im glad I had such a home as that when I was growing up. I owe so much to my wonderful father and Mother. They certainly knew how to build a home for their six children, and I can truthfully say their example has stayed with all of us through the years. Let us pray, Heavenly Father we are so thankful for your love and guidance today, we often feel so weak but you are strong. We are glad you have said, My grace is sufficient for thee for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Bless each listening heart today and may they have confidence to trust you know matter what comes or goes. In Jesus name we pray, Amen

WLBQ Aug. 16, 1981 3:00 PM

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What you have just heard was singing by ~~our~~ ^{the} V B S at the Morgantown Wesleyan Church this summer. I am Pastor Ransom Gibbs coming to you again in the middle of August. The summer is almost past and school is starting this week.

For you who haven't listened to this program before, we welcom you and hope you will listen at this same time the thrird Sunday of each month.

Today I would like to speak to you from a verse of scripture found in Isaiah 40: 11 "He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall ~~gather~~ ^{with} the lambs with his arm and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lea~~d~~ those that are young. "

At the ~~time~~ ^{year} this was written, carring for sheep was ~~very~~ common in that country. Several hundred latter when Christ was on earth He refered to the shepherd and the sheep a lot, in fact, He refered to Himself as the good shepherd, the good shepherd giveth His life for the sheep. Sheep must have a lot of care they cannot survive on their own.

Good green pasture is very important for sheep if they are to be healthy, the shepherd must oontinually see that the sheep are well fed. Sheep kept on one pasture a lon time will ruin it. They will eat the grass down into the ground and even dig up the roots sometimes and kill the grass. They will make trails that will make gulleys and greatly damage the land. The sheep will develop pasasites and deaseas that will destry them. We as people are somewhat like sheep. we need constant care or we might get into trouble. Jesus in His great love has promised to care for us if we will let Him. He knows what is best for our spiritual health and will supply the need if we will follow Him. Jesus said, follow me. and we will follow Him if we love and trust Him. I would like to point out seven attitudes which we need if we are going to be led in the green pastures of the Lord.

WLBQ 7-19-81

WHAT YOU HAVE JUST Heard was singing by the V B S of the Morgantown Wesleyan Church which was held last week. ~~#### ## Pastor Ransom ####~~ We had a very fine Bible School We appreciate so much the faithful workers and the good boys and girls that came and made the Bible School worth while. ~~This is Pastor Ransom Gibbs coming to you again this Sunday for the month of July~~ We are having our program tonight at 6:30 and would like to invite you to come and enjoy hearing and seeing what the Young People having been doing this week.

This is Pastor Ransom Gibbs coming to you again this 3rd Sunday in July. Today I would like to recount a true story which I told in the Bible school; It was translated from the French by Earnest Gorden:

*In effect. Lesson on Eternal Life
Child Evangelism*

This story reminds us of what Jesus said about the awfulness and the penalty of sin In Mt. 18 He Said, "If your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, gauge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell." Jesus knew the results of sin, He also gave the account of a certain rich man who died and went to hell in Luke 16. ~~###~~ God knew that we would all be lost if Jesus did not come and die on the cross. As little pierre looked at his grandmother and expected to have the red hot needle thrust through his hand as the penalty for his sin, so God has warned us that the Soul that sinneth must die an eternal death in hell forever, But Jesus came and instead of our hands being pierced through with the big nails to the cross, His was thrust through, Instead of our head being covered with a crown of thorns, His head was covered with that thorny mass. Instead of the spear in our side, the spear was driven into His side. Instead of our blood being shed, His blood was spilled on calvary hill. Instead of us going to hell for our sins, He descended into hell and came forth victorious. All this Jesus did to redeem us from the hand of the Devil. We need to take another look at His wounds and His suffering for us and realize that He did it because He knew there was no other way to save us and make us ready for heaven. We all know the golden text of the Bible; John 3:16 Quote.

But I want everyone today to remember that the death of Christ is all in vain for us if we do not turn to Jesus and say as the thief on the cross did "God be merciful to me a sinner. I John 1:9 says "If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." If you are listening to me today and know you are a sinner, Christ came ~~###~~ to save you but you will not be saved unless you repent of your sins and put your trust in Him. Repentance, is a Godly sorrow for sin. When we are truly sorrow we have done wrong we won't want to do it again. Jesus wants us to forsake sin, to quit sinning, God hates sin and has done everything to get us to quit the sin business so that we will not end up in Hell, and go to be with Him in heaven forever. Let us pray, Dear Lord Jesus, We love you today because of your goodness and love for us, You have suffered for us like no one ever did and we want to live to please you. Help anyone today who is listening and is still living in sin to really repent and put their trust in you, in Jesus name we pray Amen.

Dec 27, 1984

Jesus Return to Earth

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Goodmorning, This is Pastor R.V. Gibbs of the Morgantown Wesleyan Church, On Monday this week I spoke to you about the second coming of Jesus. Today, I would like to speak some more on this subject, because I feel it is so important for us all to realize that His coming back is going to be a reality one of these days.

In the first chapter of the book of Acts we read the account of Jesus assention into heaven in the clouds ~~that in verses 10~~ and 11 we read "And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as we have seen him go into heaven." We also read in Matt. 26:64. the words of Jesus, "I say unto you, hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven." So we see that the manner of His coming will be different than the first time. The first time He came as a baby born in Bethlehem. The second coming will be with power and glory through the clouds, He will come back like he went away.

His coming will be suddenly "For as the lightning cometh out of the East and shineth even unto the West, so shall the coming of the Son of man be." Matt. 24:27. Like the twinkling of an eye 1Cor. 15:52. We have many things in this life that we can prepare for and have advance notice just when they will happen. The weather man tells us about storms tornado watches and warnings, heavy rains and snows but the coming of Jesus there will be no advance warning. In the book of Rev. ch. 16 verse 15 we read "Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. also Rev. 3:11 "Behold, I come quickly, hold fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

When Jesus comes again there will be no time to get ready to meet Him. It will be as fast as lightning and as fast as blinking your eye. ~~Light travels at the speed of 186,000 MPS~~ So the Bible has much to say about the importance of keeping ready for his coming because there will be no time when He comes to prepare. "Therefore, be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not, the son of man cometh. Do you think He will come today? No you probably say, will He come tomorrow? Next week, Next year? We have no advance notice the sky will look the same as it always has, we will be doing the ordinary things of life when He comes. One great man of God was asked what he would do today if He knew the Lord was coming. He said, "I would do just what I had planned to do, so you see he felt sure He was doing what God wanted him to do. I heard a preacher say one time when I was a boy that Christians had so many differences, grudges, hard feeling, and misunderstandings that before they can go all the way to heaven they will meet the Lord in the air, and get all these things straightend out so they will be ready for heaven. The trouble with that idea is that there is no place in the Bible where there is any teaching like that. We are to live in perfect obedience to the Lord now. I Tim. 6:14 says, "That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebueable until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ."

We are to live in joyful expectation, "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." During the Korean War I read that many of the Christians were so persecuted that they often prayed that the Lord would come quickly, this is also true of Christians living under communism. We have Gods blessing if we live as it says in Heb. 9:28 "unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

We should be constantly abiding in Him "And now, little children, abide in Him; that when He shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming."

Now lets see what will happen at this time. "Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken and the other left. Watch therefore; for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. Matt. 24:40-42

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in christ shall rise first, then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air and so shall we ever be with the Lord." I Thes. 4:16)

This will be a great meeting in the air. What a great time of rejoicing that will be when we are reunited with loved ones that have been dead for many years. I will be glad to see my Mother and Dad again and my oldest brother. But it will be a sad day for those who are left behind. Those who are not prepared will be left to live in a world with nothing but wicked people. that will be a great time of trouble on this old earth. I would sure hate to be left here with all the murders, theives, drunkerds, selfish, liars, homosexuals, and fornicators, to name a few. I sure want to be prepared when Jesus comes, don't you? His coming will not only be a great time of reunion for the righteous but a great time of despare for the unrighteous who are left on this sin cursed world. The best thing we can do is to be honest with God, Repent of our, sins make things right with God and our fellow men. than live daily so that we will be ready when He comes.

The next thing that may come to our minds is the question, When is He coming, How long will we have to wait? What day and what hour? Many people have tried to answer that question but have failed to come up with the right answer. Years ago a certain religious group predicted the day that the Lord would come. They believed it so strongly that many sold their property and dressed up in white robes and stood up on top of hay stacks and the roofs of houses waiting for the Lord to come. They waited all day until the sun went down but He didn't come. If they had read Matt. 24:36 they would have known that He wouldn't come then for it says: "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only." This was Jesus speaking. And Luke 12:40 "Be ye therefore ready also; for the Sun of man cometh at an hour when ye think not. Also 1 Thes. 5:2 "For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

Dear listening friend, let me ask you this question, If Jesus came today, would you be ready, if not why not get ready, "now is the accepted time, today is the day of salvation, tomorrow may be to late.

Let us pray
Dear Lord, as we come to the close of this message today we pray that you would speak in a mighty way to anyone that is not ready to meet you. May they not put off getting ready untill it is too late. May they truly repent and receive Jesus into their hearts, in His name we pray, Amen.

Second message on Bible Prophecy (Russia)

This is R. V. Gibbs coming to you again this morning. Yesterday I spoke to you about Bible prophecy that has been fulfilled or is being fulfilled. Today I would like to speak to you concerning Russia (the Soviet Union) as it is mentioned in the Bible.

The rulers of Russia do not believe God! They will not take heed to the warnings of God! God has known that this would be true, yes, even before the foundation of the world. God has foretold us, over 2500 years ago, by His faithful Prophet Ezekeiel, what is soon going to happen to Russia. One-third of the world is now under Communistic rule! What is Russia going to do? What is the future of Communism? Will Russia succeed in her ambitions to rule the World? Man does not know the answers to these momentous questions! But God has not left us in darkness, as to what the future holds! He has revealed it to us by His holy prophets of old, in His Word, the Holy Bible. "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." (II Peter 1:21)

One of God's holy prophets, Ezekeiel, was moved upon, over 2500 years ago, to foretell us in the 38th and 39th chapters of Ezekiel what a certain nation was going to do after many years,

The leader of this nation, which the prophet ezekeiel tells us about, is called "Gog," of the land of Magog, and Biblical authorities tell us the "Magog" refers to the present day nation of Russia. The Scofield Reference Bible says, "That the primary reference is to the northern (European) powers, Headed up by Russia, all agree. The reference to Meshech and Tubal (Moscow and Tobolsk) is a clear mark of identification." This nation, as described by the prophet Ezekiel, was to be: (1) a nation of the north, (2) a nation with a mighty army, (3) a nation with many other nations assembled with her in her attack upon Israel, and (4) a nation that would attack Israel after she had been gathered from many nations.

God has foretold us that this nation, and other nations assembled with her, are going to ascend, and come like a storm against the mountains of Israel, Let us read carefully what God's word, says: in Ezekiel 38:1-6

"And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophecy against him, And say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords; Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them: all of them with shield and helmet; Gomer and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands; and many people with thee."

Ezekiel says that Russia, and these other nations, will "come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people," As we know, Israel has been scattered into many nations ever since A. D. 70, when Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans; they have been persecuted, slain, mocked, and treated terribly by many people. Germany slaughtered several million during the Nazi rule of Hitler. So they have returned to their homeland and organized their nation in May 1948. They came back for peace and safety but Russia will invade their land. Let us look at Ezekiel 38:9 "Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee."

Did you notice that the Bible says that Russia "shall ascend" and come like a storm? They shall be like a cloud to cover the land! What does this prove to you? They shall come in Airplanes! Many, many of them! so thick that they will be like a cloud to cover the land

Now let's read on in Ezekiel 38:10-12 "Thus saith the Lord God; It shall also come to pass, that at the same time shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought: "And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, "To take a spoil, and to take a prey, to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land."

What will be the "Evil Thought" that will come into the mind of Russia at that time? God has not told us! It could be to exterminate Israel! It could be that they expect to exterminate Christianity all over the world! It could be something else!

What is the "prey" that Russia will be expecting to take as a "spoil"? Israel has much that Russia would like to have! The Dead Sea alone contains minerals worth more than a trillion dollars. 70 billion in Potash, Magnesian Chloride 825 Billion, Bromine 260 million and Salt 92 Billion, ~~###~~ it is estimated. Whoever controls Israel can control three continents; Asia, Africa and Europe! and perhaps the whole world!

Ezekiel 38:14-16 "There fore son of man, prophesy and say unto God, Thus saith the Lord God; In that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely shalt thou not know it? "And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses a great company, and a mighty army: "And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel! as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my ~~people~~ that the heathen may know me when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes."

God says that Russia will come from her place out of the north parts, (Russia is directly extreme north of Israel) and many people with her, riding upon horses (Russia has more horses than any nation in the world) (as well as many, many airplanes) a great company, and a mighty army. God says that Russia shall come up against My People of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land, but God will bring judgment upon them according to Ezekiel 38:18-23 "And it shall come to pass at the same time when God shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord God, that my fury shall come up in my face. "For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel; "So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground. "And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord God every man's sword shall be against his brother. "And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. "Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the Lord."

Again God reiterates what He is going to do with Russia! "Therefore, thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: "And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee and will cause thee to come up from the north parts and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel: "And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand. "Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and the beasts of the field to be devoured. "Thou shalt fall upon the open field: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord God."

It is God almighty who is going to destroy Russia! The Holy one who Russia has shook her fist at, and declared "There is no God!" In this same chapter Ezekiel says "Behold it is come, and it is done saith the Lord God; this is the day whereof I have spoken. "And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, and the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and they shall burn them with fire seven years: "And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will give unto Gog a place there of graves in Israel, the valley of the passengers on the east of the sea: and it shall stop the noses of the passengers: and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude: and they shall call it The valley of Hamongog. "And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land."

that they are going to take the whole world but they will not. Let us pray. Oh God we see that in your word how you can defeat the forces of evil. Help each one listening today to realize that serving God is the most important thing we can do. In Jesus name Amen.

Third message on Bible Prophecy (America)

Goodmorning, this is R.V. Gibbs speaking to you again on Bible Prophecy. I realize that I won't be able to hardly scratch the surface when it comes to bringing out all the prophecys of the Bible. Neither do I profess to understand all of them.

Yesterday I spoke to you about Russia in Bible Prophecy, today I want to show you prophecys that may refer to America. You must realize that at the time the Bible was written that the American continent had not even been discovered yet by the people of Europe or Asia. The name America had not even been heard of. Nevertheless it seems the prophet Isaiah had a vision of what America was going to be like. He says, "Woe to the nation shadowing with wings, which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia" (1;1). The word "Woe" is best translated "Ah," an exclamation of surprise or wonderment, or "Ho," an animated salute. So it should read: "Ho" or "Ah," to the land shadowing with ~~with~~ wings."

Isaiah sees the geographical location of America in its relation to Palestine: "beyond the rivers of Ethiopia." This was due west and a great ways off. The rivers of Ethiopia" means the Nile in its "seven fingers" in the delta as it flows into the Mediterranean Sea. The Nile heads up in Ethiopia, then flows into Egypt where it finally develops into "rivers" before it empties into the sea. So if you will get a globe of the world and find Palestine and look due west "beyond the rivers of Ethiopia," from Jeruaalem, where the prophet was probably writing this prophecy, it will take you direct, into the coasts of South Carolina and Georgia of the good old U. S. A.

Next, Isaiah gives us the emblem of this country. He says it is a "land shadowing with wings." Bible scholars agree that this can mean none other than our American Bald Eagle, which is found on our coins and on the tops of our flagpoles. And is it not true that multiplied thousands have come to our shores seeking religious liberty and protection under the shadowing wings of our great American eagle? It is a land that serves as a refuge to all other nations on the earth. It has a government for the protection of all other people, ~~and that is why it is a land that welcomes to its shores the downtrodden~~ a land that welcomes to its shores the downtrodden and the suffering people scattered abroad upon the face of the earth. It is a singular fact that this term of being "a land of outstretched wings" for the shelter of all other people cannot be applied to any other country on the face of the earth. Since the world began there never has been any other country that from its beginning offered a welcome and a hospitality to all other people for the purpose of giving them religious and civil liberty except America.

Isaiah still gives us other interesting data on this country ^{of} ours. He saw a land which would naturally be divided by rivers. Our King James version says "Aland which the rivers shall spoil" (V.2), which means the rivers have divided. Palestine only has ~~one~~ one river, the Jordan, and it was a marvelous thing for Isaish to see a land with many rivers naturally dividing it. Look at our mighty Mississippi flowing south and naturally dividing our country into the east and west. See the great Ohio, Missouri, and Arkansas riversd flowing into it. Then look at the St. Lawrence flowing east, and the Columbia flowing west and the great Rio Grande wending its way southeast into the Gulf of Mexico, forming the boundary line between our country and Mexico.

America has always been a friend of the Jews. It has been a refuge for them. and they have had great success in this country. we have helped them to rebuild their nation and have always stood by them. The Bible speaks of Israel as being the Apple of Gods' eye. God said to Abraham I will bless them that bless thee and curse them that cursest thee. Germany tried cussing them by murdering 6 million Jews but what happened to Germany they went down in defeat. Their super race as they called themselves was no match for America and Great Britian that loved the Jews. If you touch the Jews you are touching the Apple of Gods Eye and he will fight for them.

It Appears that Britain and America will defend the Jews when Russia and her satalites

Third message on Bible Prophecy (America)

come to Israel from the North. We read in Ezekiel 38:13) "Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil... to carry away silver and gold.?"

It has been absolutely proven that the word British comes from Tarshish. Furthermore, ships have always been associated with Tarshish. Britain has been a nation of many ships and was called the mistress of the seas. Now her ally, America, holds this honor.

To prove further that Tarshish stands for Great Britain we read in this same 13th verse that "all the young lions thereof" will unite with Tarshish in defending Palestine. Every nation has its national emblem. America has the grand old eagle with outspread wings. And Britain's emblem is the lion. If Britain is the mother lion, who are "All the young lions thereof"? The answer seems obvious: Canada, Australia, New Zealand and last but not least America; for we surely are an offspring of England.

When Russia comes to take Israel it will not be the forces of America and Britain that are able to defeat them but God will rain upon them and upon upon their bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone." Ezekiel 38.

There have been many speculations about whether America will be taken over by Communism. I know of no absolute proof according to the Bible whether it will or not. I know one thing. God is the same yesterday, today and forever. He says I change not. He is long suffering not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But He also says, except you ~~you~~ repent you shall perish.

God told ~~Hebrew~~ Jonah the prophet that he was to go to Nineveh a great wicked city and tell them that in 40 days they would be destroyed. But God did not destroy them. Why? because they repented in sack cloth and ashes and prayed and fasted. America cannot be spared just because of the good deeds of the past, some of the things we are doing are absolutely wrong and could bring the wrath of God on us. Homosexuality, abortion, and pornography could cause us to be destroyed as it has other nations. Peter wrote: "For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after live ungodly; If Peter 2:4-6) My question is, Do you think for a moment that God will spare us? No you say. God will not spare America unless we repent and change the way we are living

I thank God for modern day men of God who are doing their best to turn the heart of this great nation back to God and righteousness. Their labor is not in vain in the Lord.

In closing this morning I would like to encourage everyone that is endeavoring to hold up the blood stained banner holiness. You are the light of the world, and the spiritual force that is bringing hope to mankind. Let us pray, Dear Heavenly Father, We want to thank you for your love and mercy that has spared us, we know you could destroy us in a moment, Our hope of salvation is in you alone. Help us to walk in your ways and be led by your blessed Holy Spirit. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGEMENT

Today he will

This is Pastor R.V. Gibbs speaking to you again. I have been speaking about the second coming of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Today I want to speak to you about the final judgement, often referred to as the Great White throne Judgement. We read about this in the Book of Rev. Ch. 20 verses 11-15 "And I saw the dead, small and great stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. and the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

We like to think of God as always showing mercy and love, but we should not be deceived into thinking that we can live a life of sin and rebellion, than go straight to glory. God will try every mans work of what sort it is. You may go on in sin. revel in its pleasures but judgement day is coming Eccl. 11:9 says "Rejoice, O young man in thy youth; let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes but know thou that for all these things God will bring thee into judgement." Heb. 9:27 "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgement."

To appear before God and be judgeed is an appointment we all must keep. We might say I would rather not, or I wont go, but it makes no difference what we think, God has said "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgement."

Just as sure as Jesus came to earth on a certain day, and is coming back to earth on a certain day. It is just as certain that there will be a day of final judgement. "Because He hath appointed a day in the which he will judge the world." Acts 17:31. "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of his glory: and before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats. And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels;" Matt. 25:31-34,41.

Many people try to cover up their sins, they might be able to hide them from people, but nothing shall be hid from God who knows everything. "Judge nothing before the time until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will manifest the councils of the hearts" (1Cor. 4:5) "In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel." Rom. 2:16 "For there is nothing covered that shall not be revealed; neither hid that shall not be known, therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the house tops." Luke 12:2,3 "For God shall bring every work into judgement, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil. Eccl. 12:14.

God keeps a record of our lives down to the last detail "But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgement." Matt. 12:36. It is no use for us to try to hide anything from God. The Bible makes this very plain. The important thing for us to do is to confess our wrong doing in genuine repentance and forsaking sin. If we will do that we will be shown mercy. If not we are lost. The Bible says, Some mens sins go on before and others follow after. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9 God has promised that if we repent of our sins now he will cast them into the sea of forgetfulness to be remembered no more. He blots them out of the book of our life. Someone had rightly said thats one thing God can't remember Our sins when we have truly repented of them, but Jesus said, Except ye repent ye will perish

The Bible says that wicked men shall pray for the rocks and mountains to fall on them to hide them from the face of Him that sitteth upon the throne. That will be a terrible day for sinners. I don't want to be among them. If men don't repent of their sins and forsake them they will follow them to the judgement. Many people care nothing for God or the church now they think it is foolish to Obey God and work in the Church, but there is coming a time when God will laugh when their fear commeth and every knee shall bow and every tongue shall that Jesus is Lord, but it will be too late then. In our court system you can appeal a judgement, have a new trial and do a lot of things to change the verdict but when you are dealing with God you cannot get the verdict changed. "He says now is the time to get forgiveness and make things right. At the final judgement you will have no chance to change anything. The time of mercy is now while we live and have our being. Jesus says now is the accepted time today is the day of salvation."

When will this time of judgement? It will not come until the World ^{HAS} been burned with fire and the elements have melted with fervent heat. You might say will that time is a long time off and I have plenty of time to get ready. Just remember this, Your life is short and it is so easy to put off what you know you should do until it is too late. There is no hope after you are dead. This life is where you must prepare to meet God. The enemy of your soul the Devil tries in every way he can to get you to be lost. He is working night and day to damm your soul. Don't listen to him. Do like Christian in the Book Pilgrims progress, flee from the city of destruction, and run to the foot of the cross, there unload all you sins at the feet of Jesus, and escape from the awful penelty of eternal distruction in the lake of fire and brimstone.

I cannot see who I am speaking to but if you are lost in sin today I beg you to forsake all and follow Jesus. He says "Come unto me all ye that are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest, take My yoke upon you and learn of me for I am meek and lowly in heart and ye shall find rest unto your souls for my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Don't listen to the Devils lies for run to Jesus.

Let us pray. Hevenly Father, we come to you in the name of Jesus, Sin is a terrible thing and judgement for sin is sure and final. there may be those listening today that are lost. We pray that the blessed Holy Spirit will go to lost souls today and convict them in a mighty way, that they may repent and be saved. We know that you don't want any one to be ~~lost~~ but that all should come to repentance. We pray that this will be the day of salvation for some soul. We pray they will come before it is everlasting too late. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

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The Invisible forces

This is Pastor R.V. Gibbs of the Morgantown Wesleyan Church coming to you this 1st day of Spring. Spring to me is the best season of the year. *I love to see you singing for me. The best flower, leaves and trees are in bloom. I am happy to have some of our young people in the Young Missionary workers band to sing for you. I believe you will enjoy them, their leader is Mrs. Debbie Deekery.*

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I would like to speak to you today about the power of the invisible forces.

We generally speak of these forces as being the forces of nature and the spiritual forces.

The greatest forces in nature are invisible. The Bible speaks in the book of Proverbs about the World being hung on nothing. There is an old saying, seeing is believing, but if we only believed in what we saw we would be very ignorant. There are two great forces that are invisible that keep the world safely in space. The force of gravity and the force of inertia. The force of gravity is trying to pull the earth to the Sun but the force of gravity is trying to pull the Earth away from the Sun, these forces being equal, the Earth revolves around the Sun in an orbit that makes it just right for life on earth. If the force of Gravity ceased, the Earth would be hurled out away from the Sun and we would all freeze to death. If inertia stopped, the Earth would be pulled to the Sun and would burn up. I'm certainly glad for the balance of these two great invisible powers.

Another great invisible force is referred to by Jesus in the 3 ch of John when Jesus was speaking to Nicodemus. He speaks of the wind, you can hear it but you cannot see it. If you say you don't believe in anything except ~~you~~ can see it, you would not be afraid of a tornado, but it doesn't matter whether you believe in it or not you could still be blown away.

How foolish to say I don't believe in gravity, I cannot see it. I think I will jump off the bridge going to Aberdeen and float gently down, would you float gently, no you would land hard in the river and possibly drown.

Another great invisible force is Magnetism. I would not be able to speak to you today if it were not for the power of magnetism. Without magnetism we could have no electric lights no Radio No television. No tape recorders, no compass, no gasoline powered engines and a host of other things.

The invisible atom, which has brought fear and destruction on earth.
Another great invisible power is the power of life itself. Scientists can analyze and figure out what most substances are but no one has ever been able to determine what life is. You can take two grains of corn, look at them very closely and not be able to tell the difference in them, but when you put them in the ground, one grows and the other one rots. What is the difference, one has life and the other one is dead. A person lying in the casket in the funeral home seems only to be asleep, but you cannot wake ~~him~~ *him*. Why, that invisible something called life has left the body.

Then there are the thoughts of our mind, can you see them, no but what power they possess either for good or evil. Because of Adolf Hitler's thoughts, world war 2 was fought, millions of Jews were slaughtered, and most of the world has suffered. Because of the thoughts of the Apostle Paul which he wrote in letters to the Churches the cause of Christ has been strengthened around the world.

Behind all the great invisible power of the natural world is the power of the invisible God which we read about in Colossians 1:15,16. God is a spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth. When I talk to God I cannot see Him but even though He is invisible He is closer than a brother. When we pray we should talk to God just like we were seeing Him face to face. We should not pray with vain repetitions, but with ~~realizing~~ *realizing* that He is closer than life and breath. The first cosmonaut the Russians sent into space came back to earth and said he had gone up to heaven, looked all around for God but could not find Him anywhere, He only wanted to believe in what he could see with his eyes. He could not find God because he looked for Him in the wrong way. The greatest power of all is invisible to us but that does not mean He does not exist. God can only be found through the eyes of the Spirit.

If it is so easy for us all to believe in the invisible powers of nature and depend on them every day why can't we believe in the greatest invisible power of all the power of Almighty God to change our lives and make life worth while. I'm so glad I believe in Him and one day I turned my life over to Him and my life was different from that day on.

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When a person is born of the Sp^{irit} of God we do not see the Spirit coming through the air but we can observe the difference it makes in their ^{life} life. The things they once loved they now hate, and the things they once hated they now love. Old things are passed away and all things are become new. praise the Lord !#

There is only one more invisible power I must mention and that is the power of the Devil. Ephesians 2:2 spaks of him as the prince of the power of the air. sometimes we see the Devil pictured as in hell tormenting people. He is not in hell at the present time but is going all over the world with his invisible power to deceive people and try to get them to believe a lie and be dammed.

These two great invisible powers are trying at all times to influence men and women, and boys and girls. God is saying follow me and the devil is saying follow me. The decision we make now will determine our destiny either for heaven or Hell. Most people do not realize the seriousness of these ^{decisions} decissions they make.

Perhaps you are listening today and never realized the power of the invisible, and never realized the you were listening to the wrong power, ^{that} of the Devil. I hope and pray that right now you will decide to follow the Spirit of God and reject the Devil for your own souls sake, and your eternal destiny. Jesus calls you through your thought life and you have the power through your thought life to accept Him or reject Him. I hope and pray that you will listen to God and repent of your sins right now and get in tune with the greatest power of all. Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we come to you through our spirit to your great Spirit, though we cannot see you through our natural eyes right now, we know you are right here and are listening to us. We pray that those who are listening through the invisible waves of radio will take you as there own personal Saviour. and will deyerminate to follow you every step of the way. May they reject the Devil and turn to Jesus for we ask this in your wonderful name. Amen.

Thankful for listening, as pastor of the morgantown wesleyan church, located on logansport rd. I would like to extend an invitation for you to come and worship with us. If you would like to have us pray for you please call, R.V. Gibbs 526 3624. May God bless you is our praye