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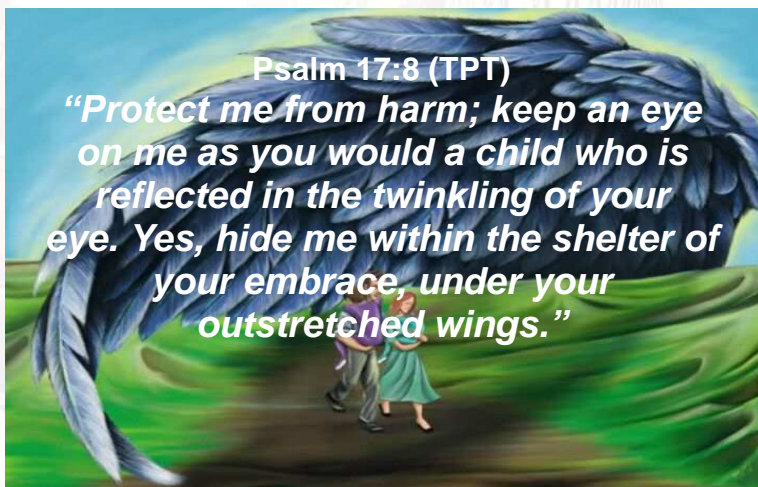
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LIVING IN THE SHADOW

By Dr. Henry Harbuck, PCAI Int'l General Overseer

Most of us have heard the term, “Living in the shadow.” Usually, the phrase alludes to one who strives to be like or identify with someone who is, or has been, a role model for them. More often than not, it is a son who occupies a business position formerly held by his father. Or, it could be a young evangelist or pastor striving to emulate the successful career of a respected minister or evangelist whom he holds in high regard. And while these may represent admirable characteristics, there is another aspect to consider. For example, I wonder how many ministers have wasted a lifetime “living in the shadow” of a favorite ministerial hero? What a dreaded road it must be to travel always endeavoring to “imitate” someone else, continually copying another’s preaching style, theological position, or lifestyle, yet never discovering one’s own distinct identity.

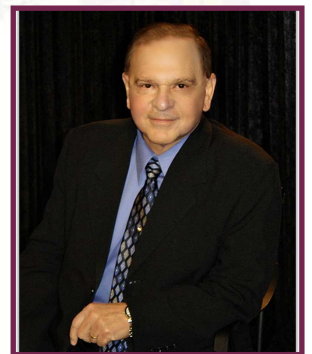
It is my observation that more than any other profession, ministers



Psalm 17:8 (TPT)

“Protect me from harm; keep an eye on me as you would a child who is reflected in the twinkling of your eye. Yes, hide me within the shelter of your embrace, under your outstretched wings.”

experience greater challenges in discovering their unique identities. Further, our fast-paced American way of life leaves little time for the diligent search required to find one’s identity in the historical and apostolic view of the Living Christ. Too often the beginner, or novice minister attempts to identify with Christ through the opinions of his or her mentor. I have been told, on occasion, that I did not possess a sound theological stance simply because my views differed from some popular speaker or author of the time. I have often responded that *if a theological view is new, it probably isn’t true... and if it’s true, then it’s unlikely that it’s new.* Nevertheless, any minister who teaches sound Biblical truth need not fear any test or challenge from either his peers or critics, as he is accepted from above and nothing can harm such a position.



So, who are you? Allow me adequate time to browse your library, sermon notes, and CD’s and I will likely identify a “recurring theme” in your information. I might even find that you are “living in the shadow” of some minister you admire and respect. “What”, you may ask “is wrong with that?” On the surface, perhaps nothing. Nevertheless, I encourage you to develop the exercise of purchasing one or two materials from someone you admire, as well as some from a teacher with an opposing view. This will afford you the opportunity to consider other possibilities, thereby enlarging your base knowledge. You may find that you come to disagree with someone you previously believed to be infallible. Or, you

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Dear Pastor... HAPPY PASTOR'S DAY!



By Dr. Daniel O.C., Author and DLCC Senior Pastor

A TEDIOUS JOB, BUT SEEMS LIKE LAZY JOB

A Pastor -

No one knows :
What a Pastor hears,
What he sees,
The secrets he must keep,
The temptations he encounters,
The tears he sheds,
The sorrow he endures,
The loneliness he manages,
The bitterness he experiences,
The Lies levelled against him by some of the people he serves!
How he accommodates those who pretend they love him but behind, they destroy him. How he tries to live more than a human,

The lack he suffers,
The discrimination he must not react to,
The accusations he has to mute at,
The expectations he strives to cope with,
Even a fellow Pastor does not know what the other goes through. He is alive for God and yet he lives for us!

A Pastor & the Pastorhood is what no One can fully understand or comprehend!

The Pastor hood is "A Mystery"!

The Pastor is a mystery too! A mystery is an incomprehensible

intelligibility!

So, ALL you can do for him is to pray for him.

A day must not pass without a standing in the gap for him!

Wish him well, & endeavour to understand him!

Make him happy at least, for an unhappy Pastor is a disaster to the Church of God!

Respect your Pastor.....

Pray for your Pastor.....

Encourage your Pastor.....

Celebrate your Pastor.....

Stop Judging Pastors because of what you heard or saw...

God bless you as you honour your Pastor. ♥

Hebrews 13:17
"Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account."

—WE—
Appreciate You PASTORS



God is Getting His Bride Ready

By Rev. Mike Taylor, Columnist, Raphah Ministries President

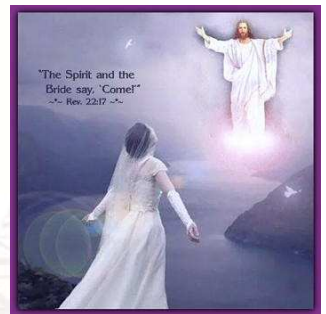
A few months ago the Lord told me to buckle up. This is the way the Lord often speaks to me. He won't always tell me the what but He prepares me. I remember the Lord speaking to me just before COVID hit. He said you will operate out of here. He was speaking about the apartments we live in. My thought was I am already operating out of here. Then when COVID hit and I had what I needed to function I knew what He meant and why He gave me a heads up. When He told me to buckle up recently I knew trouble and a wild ride was just ahead.

Long time ago I prophesied that weather events, wars and rumors of wars and the political would dominate the

news. We can see now why the Lord told me to buckle up and we are just getting started. This is going to be a wild ride. I am not saying these things to bring fear. God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. The thing I want to emphasize at this time is we must know God. It is not enough to just know about God or be able to quote a few scriptures. We cannot just lean on others who have the spirit of God. We must personally know and interact with Holy Spirit. It is late in the game now. Those who have a casual relationship with the Lord are in serious jeopardy. The good news is God is making His bride ready and all are invited to the banquet table. Even if the

Lord's return was to be imminent we must be about our Father's business. When Jesus left the earth and sat down next to the Father He told us in His word "occupy until I return". No man knows the day or the hour of His return but many sense we are in the season of His return. Before He comes there is a great harvest to come in.

It's harvest time it's the end of the age. The signs are everywhere. Revelation 19 says in part "For true and righteous are His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication". God is judging the earth and all of His inhabitants. I continue to partner with God to bind the Jezebel/political spirit. This



spirit controls the entire population worldwide. God is doing a great work He is in the process of exposing all the evil doers. Justice in the end will prevail.

We must finish strong stay in the fight. We will make it if we faint not. Revelation 19 goes on to say "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." Let's continue to make ourselves ready. Finish our work here on the earth. We will have no regrets when we go home to be with Jesus. There is great reward ahead at the marriage supper of the Lamb.♥

Establishing Bible Clubs in Public

Excerpt from CLA Magazine

During these days, many people have the wrong idea that Christians have no rights at all in their local public schools. Though it is true that the government forbids teachers from evangelizing students, it is not true that the students themselves have to shed their religious liberties when they attend public school. If your local school allows students to form clubs, then they must allow students to form a Bible club. In order to establish a Bible club properly, it must be an idea initialized by the students, and it must be organized and operated by the students.

In other words, members of the public school staff cannot direct the teaching of the club.

Most schools require each club to have a staff sponsor. In the case of a Bible club, sponsors can help students interact with the administrative policies of the school, but they cannot teach Bible lessons—or direct students about what should be discussed.

If you have questions about students' legal rights to form a Bible club in their public schools, please contact the CLA offices right away! It would be our privilege to help students know how to proceed in the coming school year.

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may find yourself encouraged that you were on the right track all along. In both cases, you will have given yourself the opportunity to define your personal belief on the subject. And when your belief has been arrived at through diligent study, you will be able to adequately defend it to anyone. In the PCAI By-Laws and Statement of Faith, Number 11 reads, "God by the Holy Spirit definitely calls whom He desires to serve in the five-fold ministry (Ephesians 4:11) and qualifies the ones called with power, talents, wisdom, and gifts pertaining to that office or offices (1 Corinthians 12:28). Well, there you have it! If you are truly called of God, then He has given you everything you need to bring about His Divine purpose.

As a young man in my teens, I recall plowing the fields of my father's farm in the coastal plains of South Georgia. Around noon, when the scorching rays of the sun were at their highest point, the old mule and I would stop to rest under the shade (shadow) of a tree. What a time of refreshing! Nevertheless, my time *under the*

shadow of the tree was short lived, because soon the afternoon sun began sinking into the west and it was impossible to find a shady refuge. What a picture! There's a lesson here to be learned, and it is this: Refuge produced by earthly shadows are temporal, but God's shadow brings forth a refuge that will provide both temporal and eternal comfort. Thus, I learned in the field of South Georgia what Solomon states as axiomatic in the Song of Solomon 2:3 "I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste." Truly there is only temporal delight if the shadow is not cast by the Almighty.

Psalms 17:8 is clear when it states (paraphrased) "*Keep me as the apple of the eye; hide me under the SHADOW of Your wings.*" Stay, dwell, and abide under the shadow of the Almighty. Do not allow your ministry to become unbalanced and unfruitful. Find the unsearchable riches that only God can give, and purpose in your heart to be the unique individual God created you to be, thereby discovering your own identify in the ministerial ranks. ♥

ANNOUNCEMENT: ANNUAL CREDENTIAL RENEWAL

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1ST



If you have not yet renewed your ministerial credential and wanting to continue it with PCAI, please do the following:

- Complete Renewal Form Online: <https://paragonchristianalliance.org/renewals/>
- Pay your Renewal Fee and the Late Fee.

NOTE:

- If received after OCTOBER 1st, must pay \$100 late fee.
- Renewal Fees: \$50.00 for Licensed and \$75.00 for Ordained Minister
- Monthly giving commitment must be up-to-date before you get renewed.

Church/Ministry Law & Tax Date to Remember

In addition to the regular semiweekly and monthly withholding requirements, churches should note the following dates for this month.

Need Help? Call Jan Harbuck at the PCAI Office, Phone Number: 1-866-268-5600.



October 17, 2023: Form 1040 due for taxpayers who filed for a six-month extension

Last day to file a 2022 federal income tax return (Form 1040) for taxpayers who obtained an automatic six month extension by filing a Form 4868 by April 18, 2023 (April 19 if you live in Maine or Massachusetts).

October 30, 2023: File employer exemption (Form 8274)

Churches hiring their first nonminister employee between July 1 and September 30 may exempt themselves from the employer's share of FICA (Social Security) taxes by filing Form 8274 by this date. (Nonminister employees are thereafter treated as self-employed for Social Security purposes). The exemption is only available to churches that are opposed on the basis of religious principles to paying the employer's share of FICA taxes.

October 31, 2023: File quarterly federal tax return (Form 941) with payment

Churches having nonminister employees (or one or more ministers who report their federal income taxes as employees and who have elected voluntary withholding) must file an employer's quarterly federal tax return (Form 941) for the third calendar quarter by this date. Enclose a check in the total amount of all withheld taxes (withheld income taxes, withheld FICA taxes paid by the employee, and the employer's share of FICA taxes) if *less than* \$2,500 on September 30, 2023.

Did You Know???

Over the past years many have adopted the convenience of using PayPal to send their monthly offering. It gives the certainty your giving arrives each month in a timely fashion. We appreciate that thoughtfulness.



One thing you may not have considered is the loss to ministry funds that giving online creates. We get a lower percentage held out due to being tax exempt but over a month's time and many users it normally adds up to \$500-\$600 a month that PayPal keeps.

Please pray about adding a few dollars to your offering to help offset this loss. We understand everyone is hurting these days with the decline in our economy but we wanted to make you aware in order that you might be able to help.

PCAI Book Keeping

Concerning the Gospel

- 1) The Gospel is to be believed: Mark 1:14-15
- 2) Sacrifice is required for the sake of the Gospel: Mark 8:34-38; Mark 10:29-30; Philemon 13
- 3) The Gospel must be preached to all nations: Mark 16: 15-16
- 4) The Gospel is power from God for salvation to all believing ones: Rom. 1:16
- 5) The Gospel is the standard of judgment: Rom. 2:16
- 6) The Lord opens doors for the Gospel: 2 Cor. 2:12
- 7) The devil blinds men's minds concerning the truth of the Gospel: 2 Cor. 4:3-4
- 8) Satan has forged a different Gospel which causes departure from the faith: 2 Cor. 10:3-4
- 9) The Gospel is distorted by some: Gal. 1:6-9
- 10) Paul's Gospel is not according to man, it is "from God": Gal. 1:11- 12; Rom. 1:1
- 11) We must be straight-forward about the truth of the Gospel: Gal. 2-11-16
- 12) The minister of the Gospel needs prayer: Eph. 6-19
- 13) Some men are appointed by God for the defense of the Gospel: Phil. 1:17
- 14) The Gospel requires worthy conduct: Phil. 1:27-29; 4:3
- 15) The Gospel must be promoted: Phil. 2:19-23
- 16) The minister of the Gospel should be supported financially: Phil. 4:15; 1 Cor. 9:14
- 17) The Gospel is the word of truth: Col. 1:5
- 18) The Gospel is a trust from God which must not be compromised: 1 Thess. 2:1-6
- 19) The Gospel sometimes requires suffering: 2 Tim. 1-8

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- Ministerial Credentials
- 501c3 for Your Ministry under our "Group Status"
- Prayer Support & More!

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