

# Haven Newsletter

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## The Business of the Lord

**T**he Business of the Lord – If you follow the working of the cult world or the obscenities appearing on alleged “Christian” TV, you would think that all religion or spirituality is the accumulation of things, or the end of the world, or getting satisfaction out of this life. I would like to argue that the business that our Lord has been involved in is very different from all of this. Many times I have been asked about whether or not this type of ministry is in fact worthwhile. For many Christians it

*Abraham was raised as a pagan*

seems sufficient that we witness and minister to those who show up in church or come to one of our camps. But I think that what we do is what the Lord has been doing for thousands of years. Our Lord has been in the business of reaching out to pagans and bringing them into His kingdom for a long time.

**L**et’s look at some examples of this process. Think of that nice Jewish boy Abraham – NOT! Abraham was raised as a pagan in what become known as Babylon. But the Lord saw fit to speak to him and you know the rest of the story. How about that nice Jewish girl Ruth? She was a Moabite, as pagan as could be. Or Rahab who was a sacred prostitute at a pagan temple. Yet all of these pagans are in the lineage of not only David and Solomon, but of the Lord Jesus Christ!

**L**et’s now look briefly at the New Testament. One of the first converts is a Roman Centurion. A Centurion achieved his rank by being very good at his job, in other words, he was an excellent killer. In Acts 17 Paul’s message to the phi-

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losophers on Mar’s Hill brought some Greek pagans into the kingdom. And over the course of Paul’s ministry we see churches being started in Thessalonica, Ephesus, Corinth, Athens and elsewhere. Thought most likely the churches had at least cell groups of believing Jews, in a very short time they are primarily composed of former idol worshippers! The mystery religions, fertility cults, temple worshippers and garden variety pagans of all sorts were the recruiting ground for the early apostles.



The church in India has a tradition that the Apostle Thomas came there and started numerous churches among the Hin-



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### False Prophet Update

**O**ur old friend **Kim Miller** from the **Concerned Christian** cult is making noise again. He now has a webpage and is emailing different groups of people threaten-



explained that you must be willing to die for the

resurrection of Jesus Christ, and that by God’s grace and mercy all who believe in the Gospel Paul gave would be saved. His response was that there is no more mercy and grace available, that God had

different groups of people unthreatening them over their disobedience to the "true" prophet. They warn that only they have the Gospel, and that there is "no other". For a brief reminder, when we first encountered Kim, he claimed that the Gospel was "taking up your cross", by which he



Kim Miller

Lord, who conveniently speaks through Kim on demand. I informed him that according to the Apostle Paul the Gospel was the death, burial and

"had enough" and now only obedience to Kim would bring people into salvation. Such arrogance! *Please pray for Kim's repentance and for the releasing from bondage of his followers from under his control.*

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dus. Over the next several hundred years the church continued to spread the Gospel message among the African and Semitic tribes, the Gauls, Celts and Franks in Europe and up the steppes into what is now called Russia. Everywhere the missionaries went they worked with pagan peoples, many who killed their own children just to get a good corn crop. Many others who had "sacred sex" just to ensure the safety of the village and so on. My own heritage is primarily German, and up until the 8<sup>th</sup> century many Germanic tribes would sacrifice their children at the base of an oak tree!



In so many different ways the Lord has used the church to bring in pagans into His kingdom. This work continues to this day. What is so radically different is that formerly "Christian" countries have become pagan again. This is why the work of Haven Ministries and others like it are so vital and in light of what we have shown here, so normal. God has always been in this business and it is



time for the church to be in His business as well.

The question now is not *what* the church should be doing, but how should the church do the Lord's business? I won't berate you with my ranting on church growth thinking again, but I will emphasize that when Christians act like pagans, the church does not grow. When we act with the love of Jesus Christ for our fellow believers and towards those around us, the church swells with new growth. There is an unbeatable combination here that no pagan can imitate successfully. If we love our Lord and each other and our neighbor as we are commanded to do, the allure of paganism wears thin. Paganism grows on mysticism, secret knowledge, and a thirst for autonomy, power and sex. But none of these can compare to what God's love through His people can do. This is why we are adopting Daniel and Julie, and why we adopted Gabe and Rose and Scott and so on. It is the love of God, enacted through His grace towards us that compels us to reach out and love those in need. If the church



wants to reach pagans, then let it love the unlovely. If the church wants to change the world, then let it buy slaves their freedom. If the church wants to counteract the workings of the evil one in this world, then let it speak the truth in love to those in sin and in pride, and also in misery and pain.

Real Christianity is earthy and muscular. It is not about secret visions and irrational trips into oneself. By contrast real Christianity spreads the Gospel everywhere it goes and loves everyone it sees. May we each be faithful to the calling of our gracious Lord.



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The Good Ground cult, headed up by William Alexander, is still trying to recruit. I know I sound like a broken record, but Pastors there are wolves in with your flock! Be discerning!

There are times that this job can

### Website update

**T**his should be the inaugural issue of our newsletter that is available online at [www.havenministry.com](http://www.havenministry.com). For those of you with web access, you can access the prayer-letter there and if you wish let us know and we will remove your name from our snail mail listing. Also you might notice that our mailing address for our HOME address has changed. We now have Centennial for our city instead of Aurora.

You can continue to send mail to Aurora for a while and there will be no problems. For those of you who support the ministry, please continue to send that mail to:

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be disheartening. So many cult leaders speak in the first person for God, and this causes so much destruction and yet if I turn on "Christian" TV I can see the same phenomenon on a daily basis! Books like the "God Chasers" and the Prayer of Jabez dominate our Christian bookstores, and so few care enough to say this is wrong. I recently watched a movie on Jeremiah and it was encouraging to have a reminder of a man emboldened by the Lord to speak the truth no matter what the cost. Please pray that we at Haven Ministries will have that same courage.