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violent, national religious fanaticism.

Mere "lip service" religion, including Christians in name/label only, will not save the individual nor the nation. Psalm 50 is absolutely tremendous, yet after the opening verses of glorious encouragement, God is heard condemning religious profession that hides wickedness, like the ones seen in Psalm 9 hiding the net. So, in Psalm 50, God continues by giving faithful warning, yet ends with a blessed promise. **Listen:** "But the wicked God says: "What right have you to declare My statutes, or take My covenant in your mouth, seeing you hate instruction and cast My words behind you? When you saw a thief, you consented with him, and have been a partaker with adulterers. You give your mouth to evil, and your tongue frames deceit. You sit and speak against your brother; you slander your own mother's son. These things you have done, and I kept silent; you thought that I was altogether like you; but I will rebuke you, and set them in order before your eyes. Now consider this, you **who forget God**, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver: Whoever offers praise glorifies Me; and to him who orders his conduct aright I will show the salvation of God." (Psalm 50:16-23). These verses give remarkable guidance to ALL people, including professing Christians who may be hiding wickedness by deceit.

I wish to be faithful to others, as well as to Christians. Therefore, I must be faithful to warn the blatantly wicked, too, though I will obviously not "hit" every sin nor every hiding sinner—big or small. About three weeks ago I saw yet another advertising board which abuses the painting of The Last Supper (how original!). Apparently, the Shameless program last Christmas, nor The Jerry Springer Opera, nor the so-called Da Vinci Code are enough mockery of Jesus Christ. **Paddy Power** (maybe seeing that the coast is clear) has added their blasphemous abuse of The Last Supper, by depicting Jesus and His disciples at

what is clearly a casino table. I understand that many hundreds of people joyfully requested a copy of the advert! If Paddy Power is Irish, then shouldn't I expect the Catholic Church to openly condemn the advert? **This is one type of Terrorism** that is set to destroy the nation and drive it into the pit...WITH the people.

Ultimately, the greatness of a nation—including Britain—is measured by its genuine love of God. Of course, that love doesn't stop with church attendance, as good as that may be. Part of the punishment of God on Britain is its being overrun by the multitudes from other countries who couldn't really care less about Britain or what it stood for in the past in relation to God. But we must ask, how can Britain expect others to respect and be truly devoted to the nation, if Britain has thrown its true love and devotion to God, its Foundation, to the wind? **Both sides demonstrate a Terrorism of the lowest order**, and it is eroding the nation and eating like a cancer.

We must recall that in those earlier Bible passages, there are references to the judgment coming from God. St. Paul said, "Knowing, therefore the TERROR of the Lord, we persuade men." (2 Corinthians 5:11). Hebrews adds "It is a FEARFUL thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Hebrews 10:31). One of Job's "comforters" fearfully reminds us of "the king of TERRORS" (Job 18:14) that awaits every unprepared person at death, and the Bible faithfully tells us that "it is appointed unto man once to die, and after that, the Judgment" (Hebrews 9:27). Does this mean, then, that God Himself is the greatest terrorist of all. Of course not. It DOES mean that you cannot mess about with God like so many mess about the British government and the British system. Everyone on earth will find themselves one day, face to face with God, and that will be a terrifying time for the unprepared. But think for a moment: the unprepared will also come face to face with the devil and all the demons of Hell, and be sure, THAT WILL BE TERRIFYING! We may all face God prepared, so that that day can be a day of unimaginable rejoicing, and God Himself has paved the way for this to happen.

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November's beginning ushers in the centuries-old remembrance of Guy Fawkes. These days have seen the disappearance of much of Britain's traditional ways, as well as its countryside, and "Progress" is a naive explanation. Many know that Guy Fawkes Day is also referred to as The Gunpowder Plot, when men attempted to blow up the Houses of Parliament. Allegedly, this plot was connected to the Catholic church which, in those days, was vying for control of Britain. This is history and is not said to stir ancient animosity. This hostility is actually not just ancient, for it is still active, for example, in Northern Ireland.

Surprisingly, this antagonism is very much alive today, though "the Guy" has long been dead and buried. The Plot against this nation is not isolated to religious organisations like the Catholic Church or those who blow up trains, buses and people indiscriminately. Piece by piece, sometimes by stealth, sometimes in a brazen frontal attack, the things that have made Britain truly

great have been allowed to erode. What, then, is there that we could call precious and of greatest benefit to those of other nations or to those whose ancestors have lived and worked here for many generations? How may these chief blessings be regained and retained?

Psalm 9:17 says, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." **This type of thing doesn't happen overnight, but is the end result of a long process of decay.** A glimpse of that process is seen in verses 15,16, where it says, "The nations have sunk down in the pit which they made; In the net which they hid, their own foot is caught. The LORD is known by the judgment He executes; The wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Meditation. Selah" The words "Meditation" and "Selah" are like saying, "Think of that!" or "You'd better let that sink in!" Those few verses are not too much to ask a person to think about. Remember, "nations" are made up of individuals, like you and me. Look what these people have done. They've made the very pit in which they find themselves sunk, and they are snared in the very net they not only made, but hid. **Lesson:** You cannot turn from God without sinking as a person and as a nation, and a sunken nation is the blame of individuals. Even the devil cannot sink a nation that loves and obeys God Almighty, and I'm not talking about harsh,

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Thank God for faithful witnesses for the Lord!
John the Baptist was called "a burning and shining light"
I'm so glad some old-fashioned Christians who really knew God DIDN'T compromise with me, yet loved me into God's kingdom and out of my life of sin (drugs, rock music, etc.)

With the drinking problem in Britain so often in the daily press, a vicar recently boasts being licensed to serve alcohol in his church! A converted alcoholic said, "I don't know about Jesus turning water into wine, but I know he can turn beer into furniture!" A fearful end awaits the preachers and church leaders who lead the people astray.

You CAN Make It to Heaven...

...And Here's the Greatest Reason Why!

by Gabriel L. Mancino



In the past year, it has almost seemed like there has been an all-out effort to deify London...I mean, we MUST have the Olympics here! For many years the distortion of values has increasingly effected sports, as well as about everything else man touches. As a result, sport salaries have become a nonsense. One main cause of this distortion of values is Britain's release of *Higher* values has automatically and inescapably resulted in the undeniable increase of the *lowest* values.

Certainly, the *highest* prize of all is to cross the finish line of eternity and find that you have, after all, made it successfully into *that* glorious city which John saw, as recorded in Revelation 21. **We can make it!** Obviously, just like any race, especially of official and international status like the Olympics, there are rules to follow and preparation to undertake. The same is true, we know, for the "heavenly race." Cheating in *this* race is an impossibility for *anyone!*

St. Paul made reference to the Greek sports games. On one occasion he drew the contrast of the reward, saying "They do it to obtain a perishable garland crown, but we do it to win a crown that does not perish!" (1 Corinthians 9:25).

In Hebrews 12:1,2 we see a tremendous scene painted in word pictures for us, having reviewed in chapter 11 many of the victorious contenders for the imperishable crown. As chapter 12 opens, the writer pictures these past "all-stars of the Faith" as seated in the stadium now watching *us* as we run the race. What a scene. **There they are, cheering us on.**

Do you share Christ with others? If we are ashamed of Him, He will be of us (Matt.10:32,33).

The writer is faithful to remind us of the absolute necessity of "stripping for the race," so to speak, so that no unnecessary weight hinders our running. Jesus faithfully reminds us that "*the cares of life*" can result in our spiritual failure (Mark 4:19; Luke 8:14; 21:34). However, the

main cause of spiritual failure and being disqualified from the race is personal sin. In every field of interest, whether academic, sport, business, etc., people can choose to avoid or reject the things that would hinder the achievement of the objective and goal. We must be just as "violent" with ourselves in *this*—the greatest goal of all.

As wonderful as people cheering from the stadium seats would be, **what rugby player running with the ball in open field would stop to smile, wave and enjoy the cheering crowd?** Actually, I'm sure many would turn from cheering to shouting of danger, and directing him to keep running! No, the runner must keep his focus on the *GOAL*.

For the *spiritual* runner seen in Hebrews 12, the goal is stated: "*Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.*" The writer, had just referred to the encircling, stadium-filling multitude around us as "*so great a cloud of witnesses.*" This is written in direct reference to those mentioned throughout the previous "Faith Chapter," as I said. First, notice that **the intense and resolute focus of the runner** is not on the crowds, as great as they are. **Think for a minute,** for chapter 11 speaks of "the greats" such as Noah, Abraham, Moses, and others such as would be Daniel and John the Baptist, etc. **Even in view of these,** Jesus stands in a League of His own. Those men and women were *people* of faith. Jesus is seen as the *Author* and *Finisher* of

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faith...including *their* faith! As great as those people were, or any like them, *none* of them are the "Originator" or the One who makes faith "Perfect" or "Complete." All others are dependant on Jesus Christ...*ALL* others, without exception.

The wonderful thing is that Jesus has promised to be alongside us in the race, as well as at the end as the Goal. Not only that, He goes with us as our Example and for encouragement, as the One and Only who passed through every test with triumph—over sin, over Satan and over self. Sure, I must strip for the race and endure the demands to run well, but it is HE who is the greatest cause to hope I shall run to the end, and win. He is there for every son and daughter of Adam's race. There are no singular "favourites" except Him.

In Philippians 1:6, St. Paul offers similar encouragement by God's inspiration saying, "*Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Christ.*" The original Greek words for "*begun...complete*" are words used at the commencement and finish of a sacrifice. As Paul says in Romans 12:1,2 WE are to "*present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God...and be not conformed to this world, but be transformed...that we may demonstrate what really is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*" Yes, the runner in Hebrews 12 was to strip for the race—there IS something to do! Likewise, to these Philippians, Paul says in chapter 2: 12,13 "*Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to do of His good pleasure.*" In other words, YOU work, because GOD is working in you! There is my focus again. And with our focus on the Lord Himself we CAN make it!

Jesus said,
"Behold, I am coming quickly!
I will bring with me the reward of every man according to what he has done."
(Revelation 3:11)

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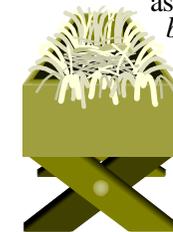
PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS: (HEROD'S STYLE ?)

By Gabriel L. Mancino

You will notice immediately, that the title above does not say "Harrods," but "Herod's." Actually, considering our extremely materialistic world, perhaps there IS a connection! Those familiar with the true and original "Christmas story" will know that wicked King Herod, who ruled over the area where Jesus was born, sent soldiers to kill all the male children in Bethlehem that were two years old or under. *THAT* is a Holocaust that should *ALSO* be remembered, so that it happens no more, for it was an outstanding attempt to kill Jesus Christ and thereby stop the purposes of God. In that story, Herod could also represent mankind who has ever attempted the same—some openly, others subtly, but *all* evil.

As Christmas draws nearer, people's minds are being inundated with materialism of every sort—some to amuse, some to impress others, *much* intended by the producers to cater to the pride, indulgence and... *sorry...* gullibility of men and women. It is the "civilized" way to eliminate any trace of Jesus Christ at the main time, *world-wide,* that people generally set aside for remembering His birth and purpose.

It wasn't in the splendour of a Harrods, but asleep in a cattle feeding trough where baby Jesus lay. Nevertheless, let's be like the "three wise men" who came to Herod asking, "*Where is He that is born King of the Jews, for we have seen His star in the East, and are come to worship Him*" (Matthew 2:1,2).



O Come to Us
A Child in!