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One of the most amazing stories in the Word of God is in I Samuel 11, where the men of Jabesh approached a man named Nahash who was an Ammonite to protect them. They said to Nahash, make a covenant or as we would say, make a deal with us, to protect us and then we will serve you. Nahash answered them in I Samuel 11:2 “ And Nahash the Ammonite answered them, On this *condition* will I make a *covenant* with you, that I may thrust out all your right eyes, and lay it for a reproach upon all Israel”. (KJV) There is an amazing truth in this verse. The name Nahash means “serpent”, so he is a picture of Satan. To thrust out ones right eye would impair the soldiers so they would not be able to aim their bows and arrows. You can quickly see when a person makes a deal with the Devil, they are unable to get the proper perspective on things.

Let me show you four ways people today have made a deal with the Devil. As a result the Devil has plucked out their right eye and they have the wrong perspective on important spiritual matters.

### **I. As Long as you Believe it is Right, it does not Matter if it is Righteous.**

This is seen in Isaiah 5:20 “Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil;” (KJV) We live in a day where people no longer call sin a sin, but they call it a mistake, malfunction, or a psychological problem. The Bible speaks of a time when people would do that which is right in their own eyes, rather than the eyes of God. This is the day where people have made a deal with the Devil in regard to sin.

### **II. It is More Important to be Happy than to be Holy.**

Many churches have made a deal with the Devil and the result is that they are no longer doing the mission that God has given to the church. So many churches have become more of a Hollywood production rather than a place to encounter the Living God. Their mission is to make people feel good rather than to be a holy people. The message of so many churches is “Come as you are, leave as you were”. This is what happens when you make a deal with the Devil.

### **III. You Base Relationships with God on Your Feelings Rather Than Faith.**

The Devil will try to get you to base your salvation on how you feel. As long as you feel good about your relationship with God, this is all that matters. But the Bible teaches “By grace are you saved through faith”.

### **IV. The Time to make a Decision For Christ is Tomorrow, Not Today.**

The Devil always say tomorrow, but God always says today. Whatever God wants you to do, you need to do it today.

Making a deal with the Devil is a bad idea. Making a deal with God is the best thing you could ever do.

## **TO GOD BE THE GLORY!**

The blessings of God have been fantastic thus far this year. There have been over 700 precious souls that have been saved thus far in 2008. Continue to pray that the hand of God will be upon me as I have a full schedule for the remainder of the year.

## **SOUTH AFRICA MISSION TRIP**

By the time you receive this newsletter, I will be in South Africa along with 19 others from West Jackson Baptist Church in Jackson, TN and First Baptist Church, Milan, TN. We will be building a church building, preaching nightly in a crusade, preaching in schools each day, teaching children and holding Bible Studies. Pray that many will come to Christ.

I love you and thank you for your prayers and support that makes this ministry possible

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## **PREACHING SCHEDULE**

| <b>May</b>     |                               |               | <b>July</b>   |                               |                    |
|----------------|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| May 18-21      | New Salem Baptist Church      | Clinton, TN   | July 6        | Jersey Baptist Church         | Columbus, OH       |
| May 29-June 13 | South African Missionary Trip |               | July 13-16    | Hopewell Baptist Church       | Lavinia, TN        |
|                |                               |               | July 20       | Shepard's Field Church        | Martin, TN         |
|                |                               |               | July 27       | Idlewild Baptist Church       | Tampa, FL          |
| <b>June</b>    |                               |               | <b>August</b> |                               |                    |
| June 15        | North Pointe Community Church | Nashville, TN | August 3-7    | West Hills Baptist Church     | Lebanon, TN        |
| June 22-27     | Center Hill Baptist Church    | Counce, TN    | August 10     | Emmanuel Baptist Church       | Blackshear, GA     |
|                |                               |               | August 17-19  | Cross Road Baptist Church     | Lebanon, TN        |
|                |                               |               | August 24-27  | McLemoresville Baptist Church | McLemoresville, TN |

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