

## Sex Rampant in the Church

### Shocking.... Is this true?

MODERATOR: I received this email from someone on the List last week and was shocked at the implications of it. Tell me, is this true? Does anyone else have knowledge that this is happening in the church on such a scale? God bless you all. -Andrew Strom. (April 16 2002, ANZAC Prophetic List.)

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From: "L" address withheld  
 Date sent: Fri, 5 Apr 2002 15:40:35 -0500

A few days ago I had a conversation with my married 20 year old daughter. She was telling me that our other two teenage kids are engaging in sex the same as she did. I about fell over. She informed me that all the teens in the churches around here are all engaging in oral sex or more. That's including the full gospel churches. Our kids were raised with the Word around them constantly. They have heard from the day of their birth that God hates sin and have seen us follow the Lord with our whole hearts. Yes, we had a little legalism along the way that we shed years ago, and yet this had nothing to do with living a holy life before or after, it was just some peer pressure legalism dealing with trivial issues.

I asked her about her own lusty experience which was with 2 of the most "spiritual" guys around (one being mentored to become a preacher, --hm-m-m-m, wonder if he was even called???). She was the most spiritual teen I knew of -- loved the Lord, witnessed, praised, etc. was loving to go to worship meetings; went to the [\*name deleted\*] Revival a number of times.

Alas, to fall with some deception about nothing wrong with sex before marriage, because "we love each other and are planning on getting married some day". Well, needless to say it didn't come to pass that way. They sinned but that didn't stop her, she fell for another of the sort of guy who did the same and now it's out that he's a bisexual. I inquired if they knew the Word, didn't they feel convicted in the least that they were in sin? No, not at all. She says that all the teens here don't see oral sex as sin in the least.

Apparently they don't see any sex as sin, either. If AIDS ever gets started in this county, they will all get it, short of a miracle. See why I am hurting so badly?? I can't believe this is all happening right here in my own house except it's another indication of the last days. The world is turning into a massive Sodom & Gomorrah.

My kids were raised in the country on a livestock farm. We aren't city people. These kids around them are "rednecks" turning to dope more than drinking. They all go to town to cruise every night. (By contrast my husband and I at their age were just fellowshiping in a large crowd of singles who were no more than brothers and sisters and nobody dared to touch or even say anything inappropriate. We spent nearly every night in a teaching and worship meeting.) I was thinking that even though our kids were sheltered from such by being raised under biblical teaching and principles, were home schooled and then in a private school later, that they would have better sense than this. Yet, they have no sin consciousness, no guilt about it.

God has no grandchildren. This generation certainly needs a true revival that breaks them to the very core of their being. The other sad thing she shared with me is that the kids that are supposed to be a product of the [\*name deleted\*] school of ministry... (and they have stringent rules to keep them supposedly living holy lives) who are not living in holiness, but sneaking into each other's dorms at night and engaging in sex there.

Our daughter wasn't being theatrical about this, but sharing this from her own experience and wanting me to

know what her brother and sister is doing. She doesn't want them to have to go thru what she did. Is this happening all over the world like this? The "good church kids" all putting up a front of being in church and supposedly praying, etc. and then living a life of sin? All I can say is, "Lord, come quickly" before it gets any worse.

Send Your convicting spirit to their hearts and bring them down. Let them see who You really are and what You want of them. Give them ears to hear Your call and the backbone to follow it with their whole being. Amen.

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## **Sex Rampant in the Church**

MODERATOR: Sadly, since I published last week's article about Christian teens thinking nothing of oral sex and more, I have been inundated with emails confirming that this seems prevalent amongst Christian youth all over. It is an epidemic invading the church (-particularly in the U.S, though of course it is worldwide). Below are a few of the emails I received. (on April 16 2002 from ANZAC Prophetic List.)

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From: "R.C." email withheld

I felt the need to discuss this with my own children. SO... I did. And the worst bit was that she just confirmed what was being discussed in the article. The main point I want to share about this is that she told me that some of her friends call it 'Christian Sex'. (She's at a christian school). Because they are not allowed to have sex, so hey, oral sex must be OK.

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From: "tallyeddings" [tallyeddings@mindspring.com](mailto:tallyeddings@mindspring.com)

I can't speak for ALL churches or ALL young people but, yes, this is the generally accepted attitude about sex since Bill Clinton taught our youth about oral sex.

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From: "Jim Brooks" [jbrooks972@charter.net](mailto:jbrooks972@charter.net)

A friend recently sent me an email mentioning widespread sexual activity among Christian youth in their area. She said it even extended as far as casual sex among friends, and that these "Christian" youth insisted they were doing nothing wrong.

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From: [MO5KIDS@aol.com](mailto:MO5KIDS@aol.com)

I think this is sad but true. I have a 15, soon to be 16 year old daughter. Raised in the church, saved as a small child, and is Spirit-filled. She currently attends a Christian school (in a state that we recently moved to) where

oral sex has been a big problem. By mistake I heard a conversation and saw some notes passed around about sex. Children as young as 6th grade had very foul mouths about the opposite sex and joked around about oral sex like it was nothing, having no consequences. I feel like the Lord is calling this generation of kids to "Holiness unto the Lord", "Purity" and "No Compromise". I have prayed this over my daughter and hope that she can remain pure.

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From: "William Peace" [1sheepshed@sympatico.ca](mailto:1sheepshed@sympatico.ca)

We have two sons, one now is 24 and our oldest son is now 26. They are both single and are saving themselves for marriage...

They attended a Christian school where sexual promiscuity was very rampant. Many of the girls became pregnant. The Pentecostal Bible college is also know for promiscuity. In one year six girls became pregnant from young men who were studying to be pastors. Sexual sin is rampant in the churches, and these are evangelical churches. We thank God for the way our sons have turned out. It takes a lot of prayer, open communication at all times, and dealing with past iniquity in our families. We explained to our children that a sexual union is not only physical **but spiritual and that you carry that with you for the rest of your life.**

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From: "Nickole" email withheld

I am 28 years old and can say that where I have attended church, which is Spirit-filled, there is no conviction of sex among most of the young teens and even the single adults. It hurts my heart to say it so openly and it surprised me to find this out myself since I came from the world's ways and since I have given my heart and life to Jesus 6 years ago. I am a pure virgin again and to see so much of the church fallen into sexual sin shocked me too. I have spoken to several young adults who have no conviction about oral sex...

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From: Bonnie B. email withheld

I got forwarded the letter about the young generation and no morals, even amongst the Christians. It is absolutely true. I head up a deliverance ministry, and we work with many of these "Christian" youth. Nothing is sadder than to realize that there are so few virgins, male or female. And the ability to recognize sin as sin is almost nonexistent. My two sons refused to go to youth group at any of the churches in town, because they said the non Christians had better morals than the Christians. At first, I thought it was just an excuse for not having to be part of the groups, but as time progressed, I came to find out that it was true. It is heartbreaking.

And not only in the area of sexuality...

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From: ernie gray [egray@clinic.net](mailto:egray@clinic.net)

Should this surprise us? What do we hear from most pulpits week after week? "We're covered with the blood!" "God sees us through Christ!" "Jesus paid it all!"

BUT a careful reading of the New Covenant shows these truths only apply to our past sins at the time of conversion AND to the sins we commit after we are converted ONLY as we truly repent and confess them.

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From: [Prophetdas@aol.com](mailto:Prophetdas@aol.com)

My wife and I have known that sexual promiscuity is one of the greatest threats to the American Church today for several years. This article proves our point!

There is little or no sin consciousness because there is [little or no preaching on purity, holiness, and righteousness](#). What little is preached comes from the place of saying, "It's ok if you sin as long as your heart is right. . . It's ok because they haven't been convicted yet. . . Don't be judgmental, remember how lenient God was with you?. . . We can't expect anyone not to sin. . . These sins will fall away from them as they mature in the Lord. . . etc, etc, etc!"

These are ALL lies from the pit of hell!!

It does matter if we sin. I challenge anyone to find any scripture in the New Testament that agrees with these ideas! You cannot find them, because God DOES care how we live. He does see our sin. It does separate from fellowship with Him. It does cause problems in our lives. Unless we begin to take a stand against sin in ALL forms, we WILL become like Sodom!

I travel around the country in my job, and I see this sexual promiscuity as an epidemic across this country, including, maybe even especially, in the Full Gospel/Pentecostal/Charismatic churches! There is a penalty for living in sin and we will begin to pay it, unless we really repent, just like Jesus told us to!

Repentance has left the church! There is no more real repentance. Today, to get saved, all you have to do is say a prayer and you are going to heaven. There is no requirement for you to repent. There is no requirement for you to live holy, righteous, and blameless before the Lord. If anyone DOES preach like this, they are said to be judgemental and harsh. Sounds to me like we are living in times that are EXACTLY like Isaiah and Jeremiah lived in. Where the religious leaders were doing their own thing and NOT proclaiming the reality or the heart of God.

Hmm, maybe we are not so far from Sodom and Gomorrah? What do you think?

a bondsman in Christ Jesus,  
Dirk.

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MODERATOR'S NOTE: There were a number of replies about the "Sex Rampant in the Church" issue that looked at genuine answers to this problem. One thing is for sure:- LEADERS NEED TO TALK ABOUT THIS ISSUE - AND NOT JUST THE "DO's AND DON'Ts". What is really needed are some practical guidelines from leaders' own experience - "How have they been able to resist these temptations over the years? What has God shown them?" It is also vital to point out the fact that [people are forming "soul ties"](#) - a kind of spiritual bond with those that they have sexual experiences with. This is why God will not stand for it, and why it causes such emotional pain and long-lasting damage to "play around" with sex outside marriage.

It is interesting to note that Paul said, "But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn" (1 Cor 7:9).

I am all for people marrying young if they have a level of Christian maturity and if they truly love one another. True marriages are arranged by God, I believe. I myself got engaged when I was only 18 years old and Jacqui was 17. I believe God told me that this was the girl I was going to marry. (-Fortunately she was beautiful as well, which helped!) Because of the law in NZ we had to wait until I was 20 years old before we could marry, which I think is a shame because I certainly believe we would have made a success of our marriage even if we had married at 18. We have now been married for 16 years.

The author of the below email believes that Christian teens should be encouraged to marry young - that this is one answer we have not looked at closely enough. An interesting thought.

God bless you all. -Andrew Strom.

From: [MoikAnne@aol.com](mailto:MoikAnne@aol.com)  
Date sent: Thu, 18 Apr 2002 10:14:50 EDT

I have been monitoring and even replying to the "sex" letters and I too am wondering what God thinks about all this - how the end times judgments might be executed on all of us etc. etc. in these troubled times and what we are supposed to do about it.

One thing I have not heard comment on though is how unrealistic we have become. It is assumed that Joseph and Mary were married around the age of 14 - maybe even 12. My point is - somewhere around the age of sexual maturity. Teenagers do not really exist in the Jewish culture - they go from children to adults. That is God's way. Our culture tries to ignore the FACT that teenagers have a terrible problem. They are full of God given hormones and no way to deal with it. Our school system prohibits early marriage - after school university and then careers for women. We have the same problem in the Catholic church manifesting itself - celebrate priests who become so desperate for sex - they turn to each other and children. Nuns with no partners. Left over Victorian principles in the church where women IN marriage are not cooperating with their husbands, husbands like Ted Bundy who won't give sex to their partners. So many divorced people with no sexual outlet at all. Many christians who have taught Sunday School and preached find themselves out there without a covering after divorce and fall prey to the very lifestyle they have condemned. Is it any wonder there is a sexuality problem?

The church has simply taken a stand of NO - NO - NO. But along with NO should be a YES somewhere that makes sense. God is a YES God - he wants what is good for us and he created sex for us as a good thing.

I really believe that until the church and society get back to reality that all of God's functioning matured

creatures need to have a wholesome sexual outlet then the problem will continue. It does not make sense to tell a matured 12 year old that they have to wait possibly 10 years before they can have sex because of school. A few are truly called to celibacy for the Lord - but a few. They are the exception not the rule. Our society has a problem - you really can't let two twelve year olds get married and start a family - they can't support a family, they can't even drive or get a job or bank loan. Children these days aren't ready for responsibility even if they could because they have been brought up on cartoons and la la land... and when they do start to work - it is for money for CDs etc - expensive toys - nothing to do with survival.

Parents do not want to raise their children's children but many do. Parents, the church and school have not prepared children for the responsibilities of parenting because it is uncool. Today, sex and babies have nothing to do with each other. Sex education teaches children how to have "safe" sex - take the baby element completely out of it. Where are the courses in the schools on how to bring up a baby? - Unheard of. You might think after reading this that I am a supporter of premarital sex - I am not - I encourage my children to get married early. I see no short term fix. You might say bring them closer to Christ or fill them with the Holy Spirit. (God forgive me for saying this): My experience has been that the charismatic churches have been the very worst of all. You see - added sensitivity makes people more desirable, not less.

It's time to get really real. It's time to admit to our children that we have a problem that is beyond us. It's time to get down on our knees and pray for our children that God will provide a way where there is no way. We do not have a viable answer. It is time to ask God for his way, his wisdom, his solution. It's time to ask our children to forgive us for giving them a burden they absolutely cannot bear. They are ridden with guilt. They do everything in secret including drugs. Drugs bring some satisfaction that they are denied when we take away their ability to have sexual satisfaction without guilt. We do not celebrate their sexuality - we dread it because we don't know what to do with it.

Please Lord, forgive us, help us, and show us the way.

Moira Bryant

#### TELEVISION - HELPING TO RUIN OUR YOUTH??

-Andrew Strom.

I have been shocked this week to discover the massive extent of sexual compromise that has invaded today's church. I had never dreamt it had become so bad - especially in 'Full Gospel' and Spirit-filled churches. And especially amongst the youth. It was pretty sad to have to compile a bunch of emails like the ones I put together for the article "Sex Rampant in the Church" this week. And that was just a sample of the emails I received on this topic. Devastating, really.

A couple of emails got me thinking about the massive media influences that have without-doubt led to the enormous sexual pressure that today's young people are under. I have had quite a strong involvement with the media over the years, and have written several articles on the topic. It seems beyond dispute to me that Television is one of the most dominant and also most depraved influences in the lives of teenagers today. "Sex and the City", 'Friends', 'Ally McBeal', "Spin City", 'Roswell', "Boston Public", etc, etc - the list could go on and on. All loaded to the hilt with sexual innuendo and open immorality. Not to mention the music-video shows! Soft porn, anyone?

It has gotten so sick that we no longer watch any TV at all during the week in our house. We have six

children, ranging from 0 years up to 15 years. The only TV our children are allowed to watch is the Saturday-morning cartoons. (-Even some of these you have to watch out for). I won't even turn on the TV News at night. Studies have shown that Television News actually traumatizes and de-sensitizes young children - giving them a sense of hopelessness and fear about the world around them - and about the future. We do not need to have our children force-fed this ugliness all the time. Do you realize that even in the Industry it is openly admitted that News today is just an "infotainment" package? -There to shock and titillate the viewers with lurid images of violence and mayhem and sex? It only exists to get higher and higher ratings - to sell more advertising. They don't care about morality - not a jot - most of them.

Remember, it was Television News that got into a feeding frenzy over exactly what Monica Lewinsky did with President Clinton. It was repeated and combed through again and again - in front of all the children of America - on the News every night. "I did not have sex with that woman" said Clinton on TV. Monica told otherwise, but the media blew it up until it dominated the minds of the people day and night - in all its lurid glory. The media couldn't get enough. The "perfect" story. Higher ratings. More advertising. Perfect. Who even gave a thought to the fact that they were promoting oral sex to the children day and night?

That is the power and the corruption of modern television. It has no conscience. In this one event it shows its true colours even more clearly than usual. There for all to see - in all its fetid glory. The medium that rules the world. I won't have a bar of it. And neither will my kids.

In our household, we get our news from the radio and the Internet - far more reliable and less sick. And we prefer our kids to watch Dreamworks and Disney videos that we know are OK. None of them are allowed their own TV set in their bedroom. I don't care if they "miss out" on what other kids feed on. I have not the slightest qualm about it. My kids end up reading a lot more, thinking a lot more and playing real games a lot more. They are not little robots that get plugged into the "plug-in drug" every afternoon for 3 hours. I will not have them fed sugar-coated depravity.

My advice to most parents is simple: If you want your children back (-if it is not too late), then GET RID OF YOUR TELEVISION. Or put the CLAMPERS right on it. (a tool used in castrating sheep) It is slowly poisoning them (by the drip-feed method). And by the time they reach 17 it is often too late. Do not allow the "world" to dominate so much of their time or their thinking. TV is the devil's domain. It really is. Time to pull the plug and get out while the going is good.

Of course I realize that TV is not the "only" reason that we are seeing such a tremendous increase in teen promiscuity in the church. But I believe it is certainly a major factor. Everything it preaches on sex is the exact opposite to what you and I believe. And it preaches it all day - sometimes subtly, sometimes openly, with unending colour, brilliance and entertainment to dazzle our children. We cannot hope to match it for sheer wizardry. Sadly, it seems to be winning the propaganda war for the minds of our young. The evidence is there for all to see. Get rid of it!

Below is one of this week's emails that got me thinking about this subject.

God bless you all.

-Andrew Strom.

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From: "Pete & Jo Hodge" [pete.jo.hodge@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pete.jo.hodge@xtra.co.nz)  
 Subject: Re: SHOCKING... IS THIS TRUE??

It is no surprise to me that children grow into these types of people when their consciousness and spirits are fed every day of their lives with Satan's standards.

Through a device supposedly invented by a Christian, the message of the \*world's\* gospel is being fed to our children in a way designed to program acceptance of and participation in unmarried sexual conduct.

One or two church meetings a week can't compete.

Homeschooling, Bible studies and church camps pale to insignificance compared to the full-time indoctrination you Christian parents subject your children to.

Through a device you most likely have yourselves grown up with and been indoctrinated by, the standards and morals of the whole world have been changed by a subtle teacher.

Some Christians have attempted to raise the alarm, merely to be dismissed as crackpots. The body of Christ can't hear. She has become deafened by the sheer volume of garbage daily poured into her soul by the televisions that their parents bought for them. (-A household god ? )

Mine went over the deck ten years ago and is now pushing up daisies instead of a message designed to win the souls of my children for the world. My children are flourishing and despite infrequent protests that we are the only ones without one there is no problem , just blessing in communication and interaction, and room for God to speak into our lives.

May God bless you all and give you the strength to fight His battles.  
 We serve a hidden God - we also fight a hidden enemy.

With Love,  
 Pete Hodge.

I wonder if this vast tragedy could be a consequence of the above PLUS:

- The internationally popular profit-enhancing agricultural practice of adding synthetic growth hormones to the feed of cattle and poultry? These powerful hormones lurk in many of our foods in measurable quantities and are known to encourage cancers. What else are they doing?
- Or the fact that these are the offspring of the young people who chanted, "Make love, not war", and so did those acts needed to acquire domesticated spirits of lust to quietly work in their homes without doing the hard, messy and embarrassing work of removing them.
- Most of the resulting easy divorce means that children have blatant and open "Christian" adulterers for role models. Home is filled with strange rutting pheromones every day. These are now scientifically proven to give girls early puberty (as young as 8 years old) and strong urges....
- When a certain "critical mass" of youth is sexually active, the whole practise becomes normative hallway chatter at school. Every class becomes a happy hunting ground spiced with pheromones, and everybody is fully aware what a "date" is for.... Adults are just "old-fashioned" and "don't get it", just like our parents didn't understand about grass and LSD, etc .

In previous generations, certainly some young people went astray, but never like this!!! There must be a palpable reason other than sex-ed in school to give such a strong result while our churches pursue glittering numbers much more than the hidden consecration that He more desires to woo souls with.

But we know this much: that the Lord is going to react with righteousness and power to fill His Heaven regardless of the persistent lostness of men. Unprecedented sin means both unprecedented judgment and power to deliver. If we want more deliverance than judgment for this whole generation, deadly serious persistent prayer for holiness in city-wide unity must become the order of the day.

A pastor once confided to me that he just couldn't confront divorce since a large portion of the congregation was divorced. He was responsible to pay the bills and keep his job. Complaints to a board member brought swift consequences to him. So unqualified grace without consequences was the message, even in the face of the most outrageous of situations. Divorce was seldom mentioned. Any rules were easily circumvented. So, this means pews full of church-sanctioned de facto adultery. Who suffers the most? The children.

I also had a long talk with a jilted husband who remained loyal to this Baptist church. Every week he was torn asunder to see his wife arrive all aflutter with her new flame. She had custody of the children through deception. Through lies, his children scorned him. The eyes of the church saw nothing. He was a broken shadow of a man that just drank in every word of comfort and understanding that I had. Such was a rare commodity for him.

What respect for the commandment of God did the closely watching teen eyes see? TP

**Excerpt:** from Page 24-25 of “[Why A New Call?](#)” of “[The Sanctification Series](#)” by J. Sidlow Baxter

“I believe that nothing could so restore quality to evangelism, and depth to our youth movements, and reverential dignity to our evangelical churches, as a revival of sound, sane, holiness teaching and holiness experience.

#### [Wesley and Booth](#)

That master mind, John Wesley, was quick to see how the revolutionary revival of which he and George Whitefield were the human progenitors would succumb to reaction unless the conversion of sinners was followed by the preaching of something beyond conversion. There was not only an Egypt of guilt and condemnation to be left behind, but a Canaan of Spirit-filled sanctification to be possessed! Wesley realized vividly enough that when the early exultations of soul-exodus had subsided, and the novelty of Christian discipleship had worn off, there might easily be a dangerous anti-climax, and a looking back to the flesh-pots of Egypt, unless there was a Canaan alluringly in prospect. Hence originated the widespread Wesleyan holiness outreaches.

A century later, General Booth was quick to see the same thing in connection with his “Salvation Army”. Booth’s general-like genius revealed itself, not only in his naming and organising of the “Army”, but also in his plan of campaign. He and his gifted wife foresaw that men and women who in their thousands had been saved from the foulest gutters of sin would easily fall prey to squalid reversions when once the excitement of their conversion had worn off, unless some soul-inspiring further goal were set before them. The upshot of this was the Salvation Army holiness movement. Catherine Booth and the early leaders of that sanctification crusade went like flaming seraphs up and down the land, preaching that message of twofold salvation through “blood and fire” for which the Army became famous—the removal of sin from the heart by the cleansing-power of the Saviour’s precious blood, and the baptism of the Pentecostal fire.

And now, still another century later, are we not needing, even more poignantly, a further renaissance of New-Testament holiness testimony and experience? It need not articulate the selfsame syllables of either the Wesley or the Booth presentation. They belonged to their own day and circumstances. We need a present-day version which will re-electrify the essentials while discarding out-of-date accidentals. Oh, that it might happen soon! There are many discouraged believers wistfully asking today, in Gideon's mournful words, "Where be all His miracles which our fathers told us of?" (Judges 6: 13). Some of us, at least, are convinced that a widespread new emphasis on sanctification, both doctrinally and practically, could be the answer.

Pray, where be all His miracles  
Of which our fathers told?  
Say, were they genuine articles,  
Or fictions big and bold?  
Nay, can we think our fathers lied,  
Or else were all deceived,  
While impacts still today abide  
From what they then believed?

Say, where today the praying bands  
Which former days have known,  
Upraising pleading, patient hands  
Toward the heavenly throne?  
Say, if that praying holiness  
Infused our zeal to pray,  
Would not the old-time miracles  
Break out afresh today?

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## The Pit

A man fell into a pit and couldn't get himself out.  
A subjective person came along and said, "I feel for you down there."  
An objective person walked by and said, "It's logical that someone would fall down there."  
A Pharisee said, "Only bad people fall into pits."  
A mathematician calculated how he fell into the pit.  
A news reporter wanted an exclusive story on the pit.  
An IRS Agent asked if he was paying taxes on the pit.  
A self-pitying person said, "You haven't seen anything until you've seen my pit!"  
A fire-and-brimstone preacher said, "You deserve your pit."  
A Christian Scientist observed, "The pit is just in your mind."  
A psychiatrist noted, "Your mother and father are to blame for your being in that pit."  
A self-esteem therapist said, "Believe in yourself and you can get out of that pit."  
An optimist said, "Things could get worse."  
A pessimist claimed, "Things WILL get worse."  
Jesus, seeing the man, took him by the hand and lifted him out of the pit.