



Hello from Pie Town, New Mexico,

***Red Letter Edition LIVE!*** is coming back to life. As some of you know I have recently been able to do **Red Letter Edition LIVE!** in the mornings. It's a great feeling of familiarity. After all, I started that broadcast eight years ago. Has it really been eight years? Yes, it has. Fortunately many of the prior RLE shows were recorded and they have provided a substantial archive for you.

A couple of weeks ago the RLE shows swerved into the subject of preparedness for our Lord Jesus's return. The requirements for such preparedness are wide, vast and far-reaching. They're also very uncomfortable. Signs are everywhere of wickedness - people *"biting and devouring..."* So, I wanted to encourage you about *"the good news"* that, although the Lord is not here in person, and can seem to be unconcerned with our present condition, He's not left us helpless - at all.

*"Why doesn't God do something?"*

Remember the story of Esther? King Ahasuerus made a Decree against the Jews based upon a selfish recommendation by a trusted, yet wicked friend. Do you remember Haman? Although he was a friend to the king, he was more so a friend to himself. This eventually destroyed him, but in the meantime, the entire Jewish nation (*including Esther herself*) was inadvertently condemned to death by the King. Not only had the Decree against the people been written, it was given a special value by virtue of having a wax seal impression from the King's own ring.

The law of the Meads and Persians contained the proviso that any law which contained the seal of the King should be considered unchangeable - in perpetuity. The immutability of this particular law made this sentence against the Jews, extremely effective and deadly. It also provides a simile or metaphor for us to see a situation in which our loving God, Jehovah, finds Himself. He has, by verbal Decree, pronounced a death sentence upon those He loves. Jehovah's declaration of destruction against His rebellious enemy, Satan, affected not only Satan, but all who serve him.

*Honor Bound*

Unfortunately, because sin is so universal, the words "*the one who sins will die*" is universally lethal. Jehovah's honor binds him in ways that no human being can understand. Most men do not possess the character of honor and virtue that ties their words to their actions. It is very commonly said in business today to "*get it in writing*". Why is that? It is because the most honorable men among us would change their mind, make exceptions, make concessions, and essentially, do whatever it takes to make the deal - get what they want - get themselves out of trouble, etc. etc. etc...

It is hard to believe that Jehovah would not do as any man on earth would do. Especially if those He loved were in trouble because of something that was said, a rule that was made, or an action that was taken which harmed them inadvertently. However, this is not a characteristic of the God we serve. "*God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?*" (Numbers 23) Our God says what He means and means what He says; Swears to his own hurt - and performs it.

Those who add the characteristic of "omniscience" to our God's resume may have real difficulty explaining (*or at least understanding*) how YHVH could leave himself open for such a horrible disaster as the one created by His Decree against.

All this being said, I believe this analogy reaches into the heavens and back before even Biblical history records. I hear in the words "I cannot reverse it" Jehovah crying out in sorrow that his children crossed over into the deadly enemy's camp. "*And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever...*" (Genesis 3) It was not anger, it was not blind rage, or hatred, nor was it even slight aggravation. It was said, in sorrow.

Later Jehovah would discover the degradation of his man continuing. As the Lord came upon Cain, his feet still sticky with the drying blood of Abel -- it must have been sorrow upon sorrow that filled His words forming the question "*what hast thou done*"?

I cannot believe it to be any different with Adam. Remember our God once confessed, "*It never entered into my mind that you would do so wickedly.*" I think of Saul and how he capriciously swore that any Israelite who would take a mouthful of food before certain act of war was fully was carried out that he should die - "*...even to my son Jonathan*". Another vignette? Another metaphor? A peek into the psyche of our God Jehovah? I think so. Saul had no idea that it would indeed **be** his son that would suffer from his rash words.

### *Unintended Consequences*

The hunter cries bitter tears upon discovering that his own son has bled to death in a bear trap. He cries for the lost of his son, but more so, because he is the one who set the trap. "*There was no bait that would appeal to the boy...*" - "*The trap was not laid in his path...*" - "*Who knew he would wander so far off the trail?*"

The questions are academic and useless, but the hunter rehearses them every night to the dark ceiling above his bed.

Although it is a wonderful thing that our God Jehovah is almighty, it is not a small thing that he is also a genius. God is not able to reverse the curse under which He finds his beloved children - so what does he do at the expense of **His only Son**? He empowers **us** to endure. And so it is, the first thing that comes from Jesus' mouth


after his resurrection *"All power has been given unto me...therefore go..."*

*"Occupy 'till I come..."*

The power we need is available to us. We have it by Decree, a Decree that is as strong and effective as the one that damns us. But we must find our way to it *and* into it. The exercise of power that makes the Christian super-human in this world should not give us a false notion that we are righteous enough to receive such power, or even loved enough to receive the privilege, but we should see it as *our duty* to exercise it. *"...to do the right thing for the right reason."*

Our obedience opens the communication of daily instruction. In this way, we work hand-in-hand with our God on His redemption plan. This pleases Him. The exercise of this power is worship in the extreme and it cheers the heart of our God.

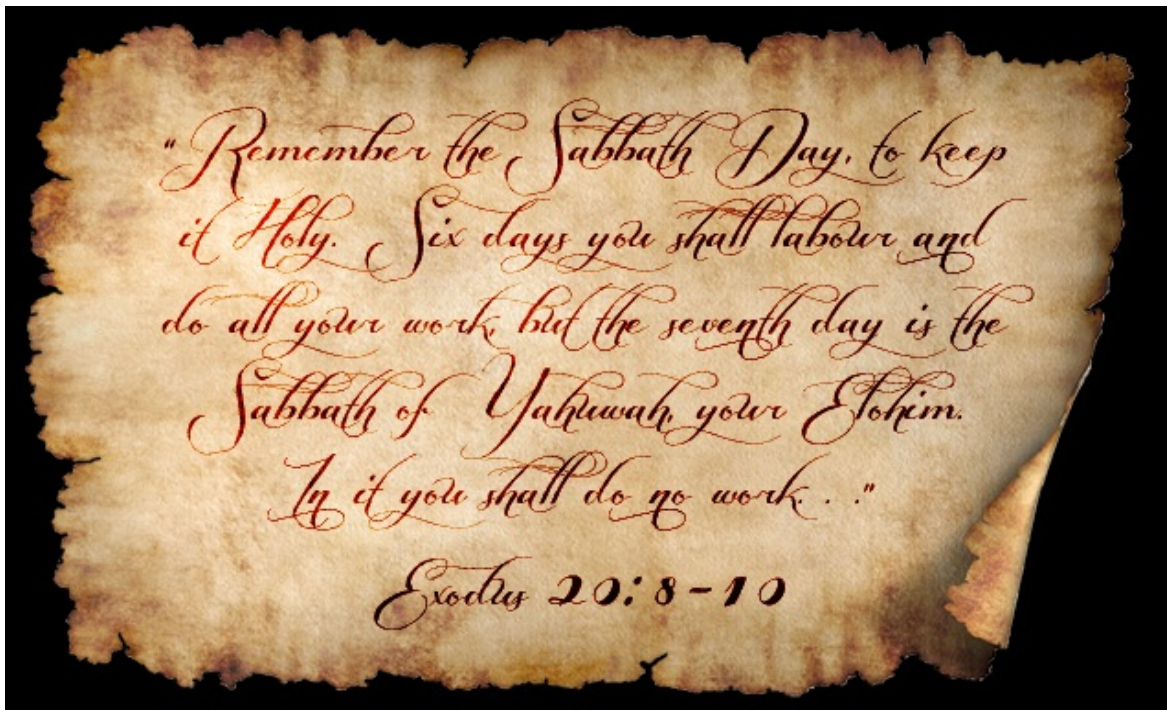
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***From Don's Desk...***

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New Programming Plans @ Think Red Ink

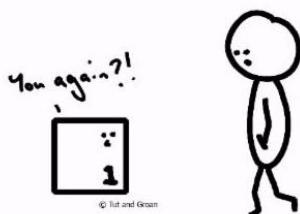
SABBATH: "The Rest of the Week" *Eventide Meditations*

Here's the idea: A LIVE program from the TRI Video Studio on Sabbath eve (Fridays - 6 pm MT)! The LIVE program will be recorded and replayed throughout the evening for people who live in other time zones around the world. The Premier will be announced.

The topic? *"Just Thinking Red Ink."* We need your help. Is there something you want to know? i.e. *"Red Ink on the Torah portion, etc."* Your questions will be handled anonymously on-air, so don't be afraid to send your queries, quandaries, or questions to [Don@ThinkRedInk.com](mailto:Don@ThinkRedInk.com)

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## Back to Square One



*Think Red Ink presents:*

### **SQUARE ONE:** *Hear the Bible again, for the first time!*

We are constantly confronted with the fact that people do not know what Jesus said... in fact, many do not know Bible stories either! This program begins at SQUARE ONE, an audio presentation of the Bible, a progressive, honest read, with minimal commentary.

This outreach is prompted by the question of Jesus, *"Have you not so much as read?"*

Our busy lifestyles crowd out reading and public education (in many cases) has not been sufficient to allow comprehension of 16th century King James English.

TRI to the rescue... ! Think Red Ink Ministries will provide an audible read of the Scriptures" for TRI friends, family and neighbors. Starting, at SQUARE ONE - Genesis! (not a Bible study - a Bible story!)

It is my belief that the people of our generation have mis-judged God, His Book and His Son (The Word of God)... mostly because of the *rumor-mill*. The goal of this program is to let the past Exemplars of the faith "speak for themselves." (...to shine once again in history.) A

progressive read to allow your children and grandchildren to understand why people (who had no books or movies) believed in a God they could not see.

Exciting times at Think Red Ink Ministries!

These 30 minute programs will be pre-recorded with scheduled distribution times through various venues.

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*It's great to be LIVE again from TRI Pie Town new audio/video studios! Join us on the App, the Listen Line or in the chat room. The daily "Red Letter Edition-Weekday" program at 6 am MT (M-F) and "Red Letter Edition - Live!" program at 9 am MT on Sun.*

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## *ThINKers'* *Thoughts!*

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"I'm with you." I've given a lot of thought and prayer time to Think Red Ink ministries lately. I also remember when I first started listening to you on GLC. My how time has flown! During all this time, I've been with you... You, my dear Don, speak truth and it resonates within me. I did sit back a bit when you were reading the Apocrypha books. I simply didn't understand and my spirit was not receiving or discerning. Now when I read Scripture, or am asked about the hope I have, I hear your voice in the back of my mind and I can relate to Scripture passages. I've also gained a boldness and confidence I never had before.

You and TRI have been a great blessing to me. I hope you will allow me to say I am one of your graduating members. Yep, I've listened and learned and am confident enough to take that leap and be on my own. I learned I don't need you but I'm sure glad I had you! I've visited around and been able to walk out with justified reasons after asking what the red words say about issues I've encountered. I've learned it's about my relationship with the Father. I've learned to never disobey my conscience and I've learned to take time everyday to listen for the voice of the Father. I hope you don't mind but lots of time when I visit with someone, I catch myself parroting you. There is a great sense of contentment when I recall to mind something I learned from you. Thank Yehovah I'm still listening and learning. Not much more I can say except thank you and may Yehovah bless you. I'm with you and I stand strong because of you.

~ ThINKer from NM

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My will is written and changed twice all ready but I do get the daily show of who you are becoming. When I go to sleep there will be no news flashes... You're doing a great job again teaching and putting pants on scriptures and showing what an example we can

be. My whole live I was never able to perform a job that satisfied my Dad, my elder brother or least of all my Father in heaven. But they all seemed to love me for trying and never giving up. As long as T R I continues to try and reach the lost I'll try my best to support it and you. I will be committing to a sixth day gathering ...Till then I am focused on the RED WORDS...

~ ThINKer from NM

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Tuning into TRI radio on my phone this morning I was delighted to hear Don read ... and I realized he was reading from his book The Questions Of Jesus! Wow! Does Don have the book on audio? *(Yes)* If so, may I have a copy?! *(And, yes.)* My eye sight too is failing! As with his book "Questions Of Jesus" may I please have a an audio copy if at all possible? *(Yes, ministry materials are FREE! Thanks to generous supporters!)*

...(My life now revolves around TRI! Don has an excellent manner when reading! He somehow just grasps and commands one's attention! The Fall Feasts are upon us and I appreciate preparations are in progress. I am happy to wait and will join you in spirit... Thank you for your ministry.

~ ThINKer from SA

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MY FAVORITE TRI BOOK OR DVD:

My thoughts... "The Questions of Jesus" book 1st version changed my life. The book causes you to thINK red ink. While [reading] it, seeing His questions, how they may be answered and how I thINK I would answer them. Caused me to search scriptures both before He asked them and what the situation was. These studies carried me on a journey of many many months' even years I remember. Then when finished I found I needed to go back and change a lot of how I should have answered them. I solved the continual searching by giving the book away that someone had asked about it. Now I must use the one I printed...

~ ThINKer from NM

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**KEEP YOUR CARDS, LETTERS, COMMENTS, & QUESTIONS COMING!**

Many ThINKers have the same questions you do ... thINK of it as *your* ministry!

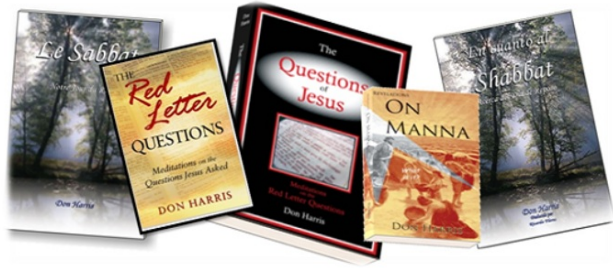
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