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For a Florida family which made a shocking discovery, the news headline said it all: "Finding Gold Never Gets Old." This is a remarkable story about the Schmitt family, who, on June 17, 2015, found about \$1 million in gold coins in 15 feet of water. If you think this is amazing, even more astounding is the fact this happened on Hillary Schmitt's birthday. What a great find and what a great birthday gift! Wouldn't you love to have such a birthday celebration?

Wow! And yet the truth of the matter is the Schmitt family's excitement is only mild when compared to the enthusiasm of a Samaritan woman who met the Lord. In the thrill of the moment recorded in John 4:28, the Scripture tells us, "The woman then left her water pot and went her way into the city, and saith to the men; come see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?"

Deep inside, all of us have our own idea of how it must feel to find \$1 million. The sad reality is not

too many of us will ever experience anything like this. The good news is we can all experience the joy of having a greater Treasure, the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Schmitt family found gold, which can provide some level of comfort and buy a lot of things in this life; the Samaritan woman found something more precious than gold — the Lord who brought her the comfort of everlasting life. Maybe your search is for the gold of happiness; maybe it is just having peace in your life. Christ can provide all these things and so much more.

The psalmist said in Psalm 34:8, "O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him." If you are ready to receive this treasure, please click on this [link](#) and tell us about your experience.

Enjoying the treasure of a lifetime,

- Dr. L.W. Edwards



BIBLEWAY Q&A

Q – In an age of progressivism, political sparring, religious pluralism, and moral compromise, is the gospel still relevant?

A – It is tempting to view our world in 2D rather than 3D. That is, we tend to view every problem exclusively from a political, psychological, economic, or even ecological perspective. We reason if only the right leader with the right credentials and the right position could gain a large enough following and implement the right policies, then everything would be right again. This viewpoint is flawed because despite the greatness of men, it casts hope for transformation upon a person with inherent limitations, shortcomings, blind spots, and sins.

More than 700 years before Christ, the prophet Isaiah experienced God's call for his life. The event occurred after the death of the great King Uzziah. This king might have been considered a superstar. He had reigned for 52 years, bringing almost unprecedented prosperity to Israel. Now, he was gone.

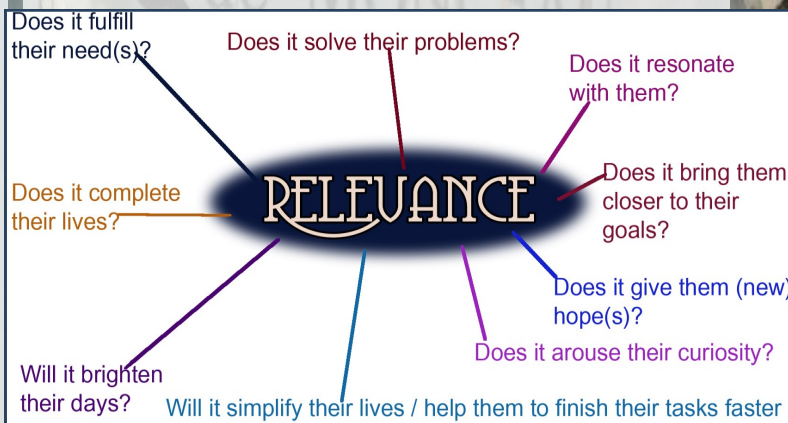
Though an earthly king had passed away, the King of the Universe reminded Isaiah He was still alive and well. God showed Isaiah a vision of Himself on His throne. Surrounding the Sovereign were angels shouting His praises. Their words captivated Isaiah: "Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of Hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory."

At that moment, Isaiah awakened to a renewed realization of his own sinfulness. Like dirt on a windshield is exposed in sunlight, Isaiah's flaws became readily apparent in light of the glory of God. The presence of greatness humbled him. He could no longer point his finger at the culture around him, the political climate, the previous administration, or new leadership as the source of his problems. He had to look in the mirror.

The instant Isaiah saw the glory of God, the problems facing his beloved nation faded into obscurity. It wasn't that Israel didn't have problems anymore; they just seemed much smaller. In seeing the Lord, Isaiah saw his need! The King of Kings had none of the limitations and flaws of Israel's other rulers. He was and is the Answer to every question and the Solution to every problem Israel faced, politically, morally, and spiritually. He offers Himself as the Solution to our deepest problems — sin and its offspring, Death — as well. By His death and resurrection, He declared victory over these enemies.

The heart of the gospel is good news about God in a world filled with bad news. Is this message still relevant? Yes, as long as people continue seeking truth on their

own terms; as long as men and women enthrone and trust in Self above God. These paths lead to brokenness, shallowness, pain, despair, defeat, and ultimately, death. Only when they see Jesus in His glory will they realize their need! Those who believe in Him are invited to walk in victory and experience the freedom of life under His influence. The gospel matters. Share it with someone today.



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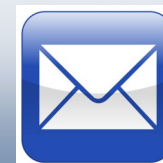
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