



# BLUEGRASS BIBLE BEAT

THEY LOVED NOT THE TRUTH—PART II

*Sling 'n Stone Ministry*

Last week, we began this series to examine the line that divides the righteous from the wicked. In sum, that line is the righteous love the truth; and the wicked hate the truth—the truth being God's Word. (John 17:17) ("Thy Word is truth."). We looked at wicked King Ahab, who eagerly sought out so-called prophets to tell Ahab what he wanted to hear. (II Chronicles 18:4-5; 10-11). Ahab rejected and jailed God's true prophet, Micaiah, because Micaiah told Ahab what God had to say—not what Ahab wanted to hear. (II Chronicles 18:17, 26). Yes, that was long ago, but as God says in Ecclesiastes 1:9: "The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun."

Today, as in King Ahab's day, the wicked still chase prophets who will tell the wicked what the wicked want to hear. Jesus explained why: "For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed." (John 3:20). The wicked here, however, include many more than one might think. Beyond the obvious, like witches and murderers (Revelation 21:8), included among "the wicked" are multitudes who falsely proclaim

they know and serve The Lord Jesus Christ. (Matthew 7:21-23). But, in truth, they neither know nor serve Him. (Titus 1:16) ("They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate."). Instead, these false proclaimers follow false prophets because "they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers." (II Timothy 4:3).

"Their own lusts." What does that mean? It means "the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life." (I John 2:16). Today, multitudes exalt false prophets who promise them "their best life now," in-

cluding comfort; fortune; success; etc. That's far from what God's Word promises: dying daily to ourselves; suffering for His Name's sake. (Matthew 16:24-27; Luke 14:26-33). And Acts 14:22, where God says: "We must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God." The "best life now" crowd rejects this because they love not the truth. Like Ahab, they love liars because the liars promise them what fallen man loves: his "own lusts."

Still others also love not the truth. Multitudes chase supernatural experiences and signs they errantly attribute to the Holy Spirit. Jesus warned: "A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign." (Matthew 16:4). Running from meeting to meeting, "seeking a word from God," or some supernatural experience actually defies God. God says: love the truth (Psalms 19:1-10); diligently study it (II Timothy 2:15); obey it. (James 1:21-22); and don't go seeking signs. (Matthew 16:4). If we are to stand among the righteous, we cannot walk with those who love not the truth. (Psalms 1:1-5).

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Fort Gay Freewill Baptist Church will have a benefit gospel sing on Saturday, Aug. 9, at 6 p.m. Singing will be Heaven Bound, Bromley Ridge Gospel, William Newsome and Sabrina Johnson and Karis Young. Refreshment served following. Everyone is welcome to attend. The church is located at 331 High Street.

NOTE: If you would like to have your church featured in the "SPOTLIGHT" please e-mail information relating to services and location and a photo of the church to: [brenda@thebigsandynews.com](mailto:brenda@thebigsandynews.com).

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## NOTICE TO LAWRENCE COUNTY TAXPAYERS

Chris Jobe, Lawrence County Clerk, pursuant to KRS 424.130, announces that the 2024 delinquent real property tax bills (Certificates of Delinquency) will be published in THE BIG SANDY NEWS on August 13, 2025.

The list of Certificates of Delinquency is also available for public inspection during the hours of 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Lawrence County Clerk's office, located at 122 South Main Cross Street, Louisa, KY 41230.

This list may also be inspected on the Lawrence County Clerk's website ([lawrencekyclerk.com](http://lawrencekyclerk.com)). The tax sale will be held on September 17, 2025, beginning at 10 a.m., via Zoom. All interested participants must register with the county clerk's office by the close of business on September 8, 2025. Please contact the county clerk's office if you need additional information about the tax sale registration process, the required registration fee or the deposit amounts that will be needed. Taxpayers can continue to pay their delinquent tax bills to the county clerk's office anytime prior to the tax sale.

**PLEASE NOTE: ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE COUNTY'S CLERK'S OFFICE PRIOR TO THE TAX SALE DATE LIATED IN THIS ADVERTISEMENT. PAYMENTS RECEIVED AFTER THE TAX SALE HAS BEEN CONDUCTED WILL BE RETURED WITHOUT EXCEPTION.**

Some delinquencies, although they have been advertised, will be excluded from the tax sale in accordance with the provisions of KRS 134.504(10) (B). If you have any questions, please no not hesitate to contact the county clerk's office at 606-638-4108.

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