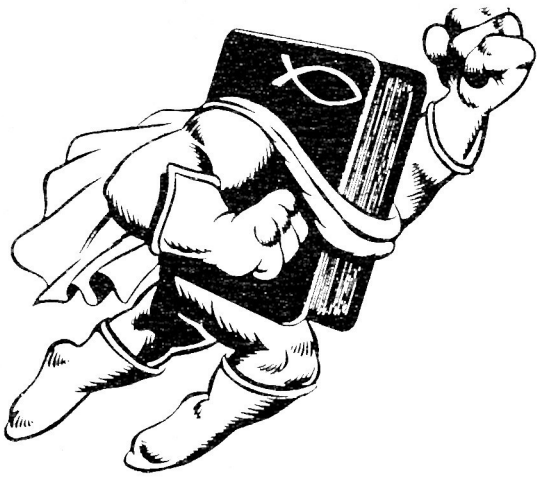


SPUNK IN A SPINELESS AGE



God's Word. Spiritual spunk is needed, men and women with "get up and go" for God. The following are but a few (there are many more in God's Word) who displayed some spunk in their time.

INTRODUCTION:

Prophecy is being fulfilled before our very eyes in these last days as we see the curtain coming down. God said "that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of demons." – I Tim 4:1. We are witnessing a defection of believers turning from a strong fundamental militant position to positions of compromise. Thank God for those who are standing true and continue to sound out God's Word in love for the answer to the ills of the world. There are voices crying out without reservation the truths of

In Jacob's case it had to do with

"I will not let thee go, except thou bless me." Genesis 32:26

Jacob, a finite being, talking to our infinite God in such a manner. Imagine a walking dustpile (Gen 2:7) like Jacob talking to the Creator as he did. Jacob had done a lot of wrong things in his life, but in his heart he kept inching up God, and God Who searches the hearts of men (Jer 17:10) knew it. What a wrestling match! Jacob used stones of the field for a pillow (Gen 28:11) when it came to retire, he had rocks under his head, not in his head. Jacob came to an end of himself in Gen 32:28 and was sanctified (set apart) by God and for God's purposes. Have you told God *"I won't let You go until You bless me?"* Spunk. God is waiting to hear that kind of a cry today.

SANCTIFICATION:



In Mose's case it had to do with SHAME:

"Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin, and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written." Exodus 32:32

Had God listened to Moses in granting his request to the fullest by blotting him out, we would have been minus some books of the Bible which Moses wrote. An ultimatum was delivered to God by Moses. Spunk! God honored the heart cry of Moses in His way. We need to cry out to God today, not only for the shame of America in a time when the good guys seem to be wearing the black hats and the bad guys are wearing white hats, but also in our Christian circles where compromise has set in, in the church and at home. God would honor believers falling on their knees in real repentance before Him. God is waiting to hear that kind of a cry today.



In Paul's case it had to do with SALVATION:

"For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh." Romans 9:3

Accomplish the salvation of unbelieving Israelites through the sacrifice of himself? No way could it be done that way. The way has always been and still is through Christ – John 14:6. Paul's heart was broken over the blindness of his own nation, the unbelieving Jews. We can get caught up working in our own churches in an outreach for lost souls and yet forget those so very close to us. God is waiting to hear that kind of a cry today from us.

"...I will not let thee go, except thou bless me."

