

**General Topics :: The Outlaw's Prayer****The Outlaw's Prayer, on: 2008/10/12 8:39**

My grandfather, who was not a born again Christian, loved Johnny Paycheck. Paycheck was a vile perverted man... but I remember one song that he did that was one of my grandfather's all time favorite songs... called The Outlaw's Prayer.

Now that I'm older and wiser and know the Lord... this song is a real picture of how the church is viewed today. And I believe for the most part is a **correct** view of the church today in America.

So... without putting any stamp of approval on Johnny Paychecks music, here is are the lyrics to that song, and hopefully it will prick some hearts this morning.

Krispy

**The Outlaw's Prayer**

by Johnny Paycheck

You know, I worked the Big Packet show in Fort Worth, Saturday night, We had all day Sunday to rest and relax, before I caught another flight.

So I decided to walk down town an' get myself a little fresh air. Before long, I found myself in front of a big church on the corner of the square.

Boy, I could hear that singin' way out in the street, sure was a beautiful sound. So I just walked up the steps an' opened the door an' started to go inside an' sit down. But before I could, a young man walked over to me an said: "Excuse me, Sir, But I can't let you in with that big black hat, those jeans, that beard an' long hair."

So I just left, went back outside, sat down on that curb, an I thought to myself: That's the house of the Lord. That guy's got a lot of nerve. Tellin' me I can't worship anywhere I please. So right there, in front of that Church, I just knelt down on my knees.

I said: "Lord, I know I don't look like much, but I didn't think you'd mind. I just wanted to be with your people, Lord: it's been a long time. A while ago, I saw a wino over there in the alley, all bent over in tears, An' I thought how one stained glass window, from this Church, would feed his family for years.

"Then there's those fine cars parked outside: too many for me to count. Made me think how people walked for days to hear your sermon on the mount. Then there's those fine ladies in the choir, Lord, singin' like they really love it. Last night, they were dancin' on the front row of my show: drinkin' beer, screamin' "Sing 'Shove It'."

"You know, even John the Baptist wouldn't be welcome in this place, with his coat made of Camel hair an' sandals on his feet an' a long beard on his face. You know, Lord, when you come back to get your children, an' take 'em beyond the clouds, to live forever in Heaven with you: well, I'd sure hate to be in this crowd.

"You know, Lord, I'm not perfect; some even call me no count. But I'll tell you: I believe a man is judged by what's in his heart, not what's in his bank account. So if this is what religion is: a big car, a suit an' a tie, then I might as well forget it Lord, 'cause I can't qualify.

"Oh, by the way, Lord, right before they kicked me out, didn't I see a picture of you? With sandals an' a beard. Believe you had long hair too. Well, this is Paycheck, signing off. I'll be seein' you Lord, I hope."

**Re: The Outlaw's Prayer - posted by LiveforGod (), on: 2008/10/12 9:26**

I agree with you my brother. To be honest, reading those words made me think about Sheldon's What would Jesus Do book. Man does it make me sick. But you know something brother, in reality i doubt that such people are trully God's children. What sadens my heart the most is that those people who look like Christians, but indeed aren't, give this foul notion of what Christianity is all about, thus many are daily being deceived and in turn end up thinking themselves to be right with God, when in reallity they are a thousand miles away. Brother iam a nobody to judge anyone, but sureley Jesus would not act the way so many so called Christians are acting.

By the way, it is good to be back in sermonidex. God bless you my brother.

**Re: The Outlaw's Prayer - posted by crsschk (), on: 2008/10/12 10:58**

I like it.

*"Lord, I know I don't look like much, but I didn't think you'd mind. I just wanted to be with your people, Lord: it's been a long time.*

There is an admittance woven throughout that at least is honest enough. Perhaps an aside but praying this morning had this verse jump up in my thoughts, partly due to the present circumstances of this economy and all the associated woes - The corruption and manipulation, the wonder of how much fear is driving all this, how culpable we may all be, what my own contribution is and so on ... Not sure if this happens to others but often a verse will come to mind a bit tortured or backwards -

*In the days of prosperity - consider*

Seemed paradoxical, when it is really stated;

*In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider: God also hath set the one over against the other, to the end that man should find nothing after him. Ecc 7:14*

**Re: The Outlaw's Prayer - posted by Lor\_E (), on: 2008/10/12 12:31**

How extremely sad!!!!

It kind of reminded me of a happenstance ... A homeless man went downstairs where there was a church board meeting , while upstairs we were having a prayer meeting. The pastor brought the man up to my husband and said, 'He'd like to know about the Lord, do you think you could help him out, we're busy downstairs with church business' ...

Of course it was a great blessing for us as a small group to introduce this man who had NEVER heard the name of Christ to salvation. It was a powerful and wonderful moment!

The one thing I consider is that regardless of what churches do, the churches are made up of people, who need to be aware of what is going on around them. There should be someone who is aware enough of what is going on that they would see what's up and go outside the doors and sit on the steps and minister the gospel to the unconventional. It comes down to the individual responsibility of the person who names themselves after the name of Christ...regardless of what the "church" does.

As I have heard on more than one occasion from a preacher friend of mine: "Even if everyone around you is messed up and not living the Christian life as they ought to, what does that have to do with you? What are YOU doing? You are responsible for the light that is within you. You stand even if every one else is bowing down to the idol."

Lord, help us to see how You see!

Just a thought...  
Love in Christ,  
Lori

Re: - posted by Compton (), on: 2008/10/12 13:10

Quote:

-----I'd sure hate to be in this crowd.  
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This is a timely subject for me right now.

The age old problem for the religious crowd. Some start out fine. Some long ago were born of the spirit but have hardened their hearts. Some were only born of religious family names that are on the plaques hanging around the building. They are embattled and mistrusting. They sing hymns of grace but are always plotting ways to keep undesirables away. As Jeremiah put it They ready their tongues like a drawn bow; with lying, and not with truth. They are the church-owners association, and sinners can only be a part of their church after they somehow manage to lose all their tattoos, body mods, facial hair, and also get a decent paying job.

They may represent the church-owners association, but they are not representative of Christ.

To the wounded and brokenhearted,  
whom the world has disowned  
there's a savior, a man of sorrows  
flowing mercy from his wounds.

To the guilty whose held captive  
by the chains of yesterday,  
their's forgiveness like a river  
that can wash your stains away.

To all the hungry and the thirsty,  
come to the table of the Lord  
and know that there are no strangers  
in the household of God

To the fearful and the doubting  
who've forgotten their first love  
there is a father and he's waiting  
to welcome you back to home.

To all the hungry and the thirsty,  
come to the table of the Lord  
and know that there are no strangers  
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Blessings,

MC

**Re:, on: 2008/10/13 7:30**

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I would like to think that if y'all hadn't been there the pastor would have taken the time himself to lead the man to the Lord.

But it is an interesting and telling thing that he said as well. Maybe it isn't an indictment on him, but it is an indictment on the church as a whole.

So many churches today are so program driven that they are no longer Holy Spirit led. Anything that deviates from the "program" is seen as wrong.

We need to get away from that mentality and begin being led by the Holy Spirit... and should that ever happen on a large scale, we wouldn't even recognize the church anymore. It would look completely different!

Krispy

**Re: - posted by Lor\_E (), on: 2008/10/13 10:13**

Quote:  
-----I would like to think that if y'all hadn't been there the pastor would have taken the time himself to lead the man to the Lord.  
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It is a great possibility, and whether he would have or not it was the statement that he made was so telling, and yes, I do believe it is an indictment on the "church" as a whole.

Plus I believe that we were there and that it was an appointment set up by God. It was a blessing to us and it was a blessing to him, and what the pastor did was a part of that.

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Yes, I do think that one of the issues is that due to costs and expenses, focus on attendance and income have made the business of the church more of a corporation based business. I'm not trying to knock anything, it just seems to have been a trend for quite awhile.

And one of the issues within any corporation is what is their business based on? What drives their business, what brings in the needed income? And when customer service becomes such an important factor: the "customers" time, their convenience, and their "satisfaction" becomes all inclusive.

Which seems to be at odds with the "program" of being led of the Holy Spirit.

I have been to churches where what the Holy Spirit wanted to do was most important; but the services sometimes lasted for 3 to 4 hours- they were blessed to us, there were people saved, there was a sense of fellowship missing within a majority of "church businesses", there was opportunity for other members of the body to exercise their gifts and talents. But some people didn't like to visit much due to the long services.

It really is a wonderful thing when God runs the churches business!

Just one perspective.

Blessings,  
Lori

Re:, on: 2008/10/13 10:34

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You have to ask why people don't like to visit because of long services. I've been in services like that... started around 10:30am and lasted until about 3 in the afternoon because the Holy Spirit moved among His people. It seemed like we were only there for an hour! Didn't seem like 5 hours at all.

I can understand people who have a medical condition, or perhaps the elderly, having trouble with a long service like that. I'm a Type II Diabetic... I have to eat on schedule or I could experience a low. For me, if I know it's a possibility, I have something to eat right there with me just in case.

But anyway... I'm reminded of the story in Acts when Paul was discussing the scriptures with one particular church, and it went on all night long. This is the story where the kid fell asleep and fell out of a window, and Paul laid on him and God brought the kid back to life.

Look at how long the 120 were in the upper room!

One thing our "fast food" microwave generation knows nothing about is "tarrying". And I'll be the first to admit that I'm not good at it either. But we sometimes need to take our watches off... forget about the game on TV (set your DVR... lol) ... and wait upon the Lord.

**Isaiah 40:31** *"But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."*

Krispy

Re: - posted by Lor\_E (), on: 2008/10/13 12:46

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AMEN!!!

I think that has something to do with the "cost of revival" and our struggle, in this fast paced society of counting God's time with more value than our own.

We all struggle with time, with our own perceptions of other people, of our perceptions of "church", with our desires to place God as first in our lives.

Yet, it is an absolute necessity to allow God to take the splinters and/or beams out of our eyes so we can see with a clear eye how to walk in the Spirit of God and see things as God sees them.

*Well you know we run around to buy the latest thing we need; oh, and I would be the first to say I'm guilty. But can we go the second mile to give a cup in Jesus name? Oh, you know we need to ask ourselves these questions..*

*For God so loved the world that He gave,  
He gave and gave,  
He still gives today;*

*and the only thing He came to take away,  
was our sin  
so we could all begin to love His way.*  
(A Kelly Willard song)

Blessings,  
Lori

**Re: The Outlaw's Prayer - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2008/10/13 13:08**

I did a search on the web concerning Johnny Paycheck. I feel real sad about this man. He seemed to have a sense of what is right but failed to appropriate it into his own heart and life. Ditto to George Carlin. No one can write or speak like that unless they have a profound sense of righteousness.

So sad...

ginnyrose

**Re: Somebody take out the violins and hankies please - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/10/13 13:55**

There's many, many songs that touch upon this very thing: the acceptance/refusal and/or hypocrisy by church goers. Frankly, it doesn't move me one way or another because these complaints are so banal and cliché and often voiced by people who have no desire at all to know God. At the end of the day, it's not about which church accepted which whino, etc. Knowing God isn't at all contingent upon being accepted by a local congregation with open arms, and I don't even believe such a thing can help a man know God. All it really demonstrates is the reality of a non-judgmental and philanthropic body of believers (which we should be). In truth, there are many churches like this, ministries which are unassuming - and, of course, there are others that aren't. The ones that aren't are the ones that get songs written about them to make people believe all of them are like that. It's all subjective, anyhow, and ultimately interpreted by the seeker. I have seen people bend over backwards to accommodate a poor sinner who is down and out, and the first time the believer fails to give more money or empathy, the believer is now a hypocrite. Suddenly, the sinner is able to call to mind a plethora of Bible characters who wouldn't "treat me this way" or - as in this song and a hundred others - would be treated the same way on account of their poverty and long hair and sandals and camel skin and leather belts, *ad nauseum*.

It's a wordy lament that really doesn't hold clout with a spiritual man or woman. I do not turn away those whom the Lord brings, but I also will not overly preoccupy myself with appeasing the needs of a man or woman who just wants money or sympathy and is not after God and repentance. I do not know of any true, God-filled believer who would turn away a poor man on account of his/her appearance. The body of believers in all these songs represents a disingenuous assembly, a decoy church in an attempt to soil the true church, and often the songwriter doesn't even know what he/she is doing. Elvis Presley is a very bad representative of Christianity, so is Merle Haggard and Cash and Paycheck and George Jones and Waylon Jennings and everyone else who wrote songs about followers of Jesus and the church, whether in a positive or negative light. How desperately we need discernment in these matters. These types of songs are written by men who do not know God - men who are enemies of God by wicked works and alienated from Him in their minds - and yet they would subconsciously shift the liability of their state, in part, to a certain hypocritical (and oftentimes hypothetical) body of believers, in order to get woe from their godless listeners. Paycheck probably wrote this song to elicit some sappy pathos in a good 'ole country western tradition (even if he had sincere intentions), but it doesn't work with me. The song got it's airplay and he and the band went right along chugging the beers and cashing the royalty paychecks (no pun intended).

Sorry to ruffle things up here a bit, Steve. You know I love you. I await your response, brother; we can go toe-to-toe on this topic if you like (I draw the line at two-steppin, tho)!

:-D

Brother Paul

**Re: - posted by rbanks, on: 2008/10/13 14:05**

On the other hand we have reached a day in this church age where people have lost respect for God and his people. I believe when people get saved there is such a change in their life that causes them to want to do better.

I don't think there is anything wrong with wearing a suit and a tie for the leadership of an assembly or for anyone else for that matter. I do think it is wrong to have a better than thou attitude. I think that if a truly born again believer is dressing nicely and he sees someone who is dressing poorly, different than him, or even expensive attire he/she should be able to see past the outward appearance with the love of God toward our fellowman.

I believe we as true Christians should be showing the love of God toward people no matter how worldly or ungodly they dress. I also think it is a shame for people who call themselves Christians and yet not care about their outward appearance. We are ambassadors for the King and our outward image should reflect his holy character within.

I think it is sad when we let people with a self righteous attitude reflect on our behavior as true Christians. I hear people say well God don't care how you dress because it is only the heart that counts. This is not true for we have been bought with a price and we are His temple and we are to glorify God in our spirit and body.

**Re:, on: 2008/10/13 14:53**

Paul... while you know I certainly do not approve of churches becoming worldly in order to reach people (i.e. seeker sensitive churches)... I do see in this song a problem that faces the church today. That is a disconnect with those whom the Father wants us to minister to. True religion is what? Taking care of the widows and orphans.

Many churches throw money at these things. They have ministries to the poor and widows and prisons, but the closest most believers get to an actual orphan or prisoner is a check they drop in the plate. Most believers don't get their hands dirty.

Most are content to sit in literal ivory towers... and imagine the good the money could do that went to build those ivory towers. It isn't just non-believers who see this, many of us see it too.

No, we shouldn't make the church into what the world thinks it should be. I agree... but it doesn't take a rocket scientist (or a believer) to see that many churches in America are not as they should be either.

Krispy

**Re: - posted by murrcolr (), on: 2008/10/13 15:19**

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Could be something in reply to Mr Paycheck song. :-P

**Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/10/13 15:31**

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I agree totally. But is this really the concern of Johnny Paycheck? There are myriads of programs and groups (secular and otherwise) that cater to this. Hollywood celebrities give millions to Sri Lanka and Indonesia and tons of money and clothes and food flow from churches in the United States into Mexico and Central and South America. What are his qualms? It seems in this song he was slighted because he saw stained glass windows that cost a fortune (they do!) and a hungry whino sleeping in the gutter.

This shouldn't be the real focus of religion, though I can certainly see it from an unconverted point of view. It's basically a "Look! Hypocrisy!" charge by a man seeking to shift culpability. What concern is it of his how much stained glass windows cost and the ratio of the poor versus the amount? Why doesn't he have the same concern over sin and the condition of

his own soul? We who are the sons and daughters of God know of all the hypocrisy that masquerades itself in the supposed "church", I'm really not impressed or enlightened or care to "amen" a man who doesn't care a hill of beans for what really counts - Jesus Christ and his own eternal salvation.

This is the diversion. Take all the attention off what really matters and put it on something that is in no way a fair representation of how true Christians live and love and behave. These are smokescreens behind which men and women who want no part of God will shoot from to make their point. I say, let Paycheck first live it, and then he can earn the right to tell us what we already know.

**Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/10/13 15:37**

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Amen, wouldn't it be great if this Mr. Paycheck guy decided that these people were probably not saved if this were their attitude and then decided to get saved himself, not be a hypocrite by judging them but decided to make a difference instead by allowing God to use Him in order to show them what true christianity is. Happens all the time to a lot of whinos, homeless, former drug addicts, prostitutes ect...

I'm still waiting for my greatest critics to show me how it's done. ;-)



Re: - posted by Compton (), on: 2008/10/13 19:19

I certainly agree that using church hypocrisy as a reason to reject Christ is often a ruse. The thing that bothers me is when those that are less than socially desirable do come to Christ, they can still be rejected by a church.

I've seen this and it bothers me. (Not everywhere obviously...just too close to home.) (edit: I realize this is a difficult subject. Without sarcasm, I do realize that it is hard to incorporate all levels of a society under one roof. To be fair, Christians perhaps are more generous within their own social context than any other 'community'.)

MC

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/10/13 20:31

Quote:  
-----The thing that bothers me is when those that are less than socially desirable do come to Christ, they can still be rejected by a church.  
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I know what you mean. The reason I have so very little compassion (and please understand, I am not a calloused monster in this regard) is because basically when God gets a hold of a man - truly gets a hold of him - no devil can pluck him away and certainly no judgmental congregation of believers can zap him out of Christ either. In fact, when a person gets truly born-again these types of congregations *will* reject him - boots and long hair and tattoos or no.

God takes care of His own children, and He leads them to the right place time after time after time. But the man in this song is different; he's not apprehended by God nor does he want to be. He's driven away from a phony assemblage because of his appearance, and this song would paint a broad stroke of all organized Christian congregations acting like this toward an "undesirable" person wanting to sit for a service.

You know, brother, when I got saved it was reversed! God led me to a Spirit-filled biker church! The Pastor was an ex-green beret Vietnam vet with long hair and tattoos. He wore a leather vest and had a redneck accent that would put Jeff Foxworthy to shame. I was all socially refined, from a very wealthy family upbringing, a tournament chess player, classical guitarist specializing in J.S. Bach and 16th century renaissance lute music, a writer, college educated in Boston, a Russian-Italian polyglot and world traveller and accomplished composer...and here God sent me to a long-haired Bubba sitting on a Harley. But this Bubba knew God very intimately and I suddenly realized I knew absolutely nothing, and that all my knowledge was vain and that I would give it all up in an instant to get what he had. And since that day, a deeper and deeper knowledge of God has been all that I've wanted. I say this because since that day I have also experienced much hypocrisy and prejudice and rejection, but all those things really do is strengthen your life-line to Jesus Christ...that is, if you're truly saved and your heart's right with God. If not, you'll complain and gripe and write songs like this and incessantly bemoan the woeful state of organized Christianity.

It can be so humbling! Right from the start (from when I met Pastor Bubba) the Lord taught me to never, ever go by appearance. A fantastic object lesson! He uses the foolish to confound the wise, and it all makes absolute sense *if God already has a hold on you*. If God doesn't have a hold on a man, there will be nothing but criticism and bitterness when he sees that everyone falls way below his expectations. "*These are supposed to be Christians?*" he will ask himself, as he begins to enumerate each flaw. I've had people fall in love with me in church when I was a youth pastor...until I forbade unsaved kids to play the guitar and drums during praise and worship. Then I was "judgmental" and unchristlike in denying kids the chance to worship God. And on and on it goes.

We are to reflect Christ in all we say or do, but when we reflect Christ we mustn't superimpose His image over the expectations of the world or even societal etiquette. Mixtures kill.

**Re:, on: 2008/10/13 21:31**

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Unfortunately... he's dead.

Krispy

**Re: - posted by Miccah (), on: 2008/10/14 1:54**

PaulWest wrote:

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How very true this is.

**Re: - posted by Compton (), on: 2008/10/14 2:54**

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There we have it.

There are singers and rappers who will talk about how they like Jesus but don't like the church. This is a populist theme t hat is even picked up by many emergent christians...I'm sure Jesus isn't impressed by their claims.

This is not a problem of tolerance. (yuck) In fact, humanist tolerance for sin in evangelical churches has created a paradox: by changing the Gospel from true repentance to simple tolerance we have seen a paradoxical rise in the emphasis o f 'forgiveness' but a fall in Christ-like character. The end result is a Metastization of worldliness in the public church--a ki nd of unspoken social contract that agrees to mutual outward respectability in exchange for being left alone.

The truly born again person with or without tattoos in this environment is starving from this lack of being able to share th e all-consuming reality of Christ in true communion of the Spirit with other believers. Sadly, he awakens to the realization that he is at the dinner party of the walking dead. :knockedout:

In all seriousness, I'm not really championing the right to have tattoos and chain wallets in the church. That is hardly the i ssue for me. And I understand that there is initially going to be some social strain when men and women of various bac kgrounds are brought together in Christ. I don't know myself how to get past some of these things, especially when there is an element of risk inherent in embracing believers whose pasts include things like drug selling, or gang relations and o ther influences that represent a threat to a husband and father like myself.

Yet there is a glass half full here. It is a good thing that the Spirit of God draws people from various backgrounds, for it p ushes us a little more away from our personal world into the body of Christ. In the end, regardless of our backgrounds, we who have been born of the Spirit of God are lost to this world. As Paul West said, those that are indeed lost to his wo rld, and found by Christ, will be at odds with those who have not either these things...whether in the world or in the public church.

Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

Blessings brethren,

MC

Re:, on: 2008/10/14 7:11

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If you're truly born again you will love the **true** church. People who long for the simple truth of the gospel... people who just have a plain simple relationship with Jesus... without all the programs, gimmicks, "Jesus Junk", etc.

I believe if you're truly born again and hunger and thirst after righteousness... the modern program oriented "purpose driven" church will leave a bad taste in your mouth.

Krispy