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# Prejudice and Racism, Who Did Jesus Blame?

**Bv Jav Gallimore** 

Is it just certain ethnic groups that are prejudiced and racist? Or is there really a bigger problem?

One might want to check the history of how the dominant Han Chinese in socialist China treat other Asian minorities. Or check the violent racial tribalism in Africa. Or look at western European racism toward Slavic Europeans. The list is endless.

In Jesus' day there were problems. Not only did the Jews and Samaritans hate each other, but the Sadducees and Pharisees despised one another. Limiting prejudice to conflict between ethnic groups while ignoring politics and religion obscures the real cause of prejudice and racism.

From the Bible's viewpoint, there is only one race—the human race. Which means we are all relatives! Racism is an artificial barrier erected by human selfishness and arrogance. Using selfexaltation to feed our egos is where this barrier gets its power. And self-exaltation will use anything, from religion, to sports, to politics, to skin color.

The Ten Commandments were given to protect our human rights and our worth from those who may be smarter, stronger or richer. Having additional gifts and talents is not wrong in itself. But when selfishness replaces love then you get oppression instead of kindness. In Africa, stronger tribes enslaved the weaker. In Europe, the Romans enslaved those they beat in battle. In Asia, powerful clans enslaved their neighbors.

In early America, it was the Bible-believing abolitionists who finally awakened the nation's conscience. But the nation had to bathe itself in the Civil War that nearly destroyed the nation to rid itself of the curse of slavery.



# **President's Perspective**

Go Tell the World!

According to Wikipedia, "The total listenership for . . . radio in the United States as of January 2017 was 256 million, up from 230 million in 2005. Sixty-eight percent

of homes have at least one radio, with the average home having 1.5 radios as of 2020, both figures being steep declines from 2008." <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List of most-listened-to-radio">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List of most-listened-to-radio</a> programs

My favorite radios are the C.C. Rane EP Pro AM/FM and the Sangean HDR-14 HD-AM/FM. Both of these radios are able to pull in a good signal. The best part about radio is that no one knows when you are listening, or what you are listening to.

Radio is one of the most turned-to sources of information in times of crisis or emergencies. Most people are within reach of a radio station daily, while driving or at home. All they have to do is reach out and turn it on. Here at Strong Tower Radio (STR), we are always sharing the love of Christ, our Savior, with listeners. They learn of the Christ who is ministering as our Great High Priest in the Most Holy Place in heaven. They discover that He takes our cases before our loving heavenly Father, pleading the blood He spilt at Calvary. Christ laid down His life, and His Father called Him up from the grave. There is no more powerful argument than the blood Jesus shed for our salvation. He laid down His life so that we may live eternally with Him.

We appreciate every donation to support the work of STR. Through your faithful contributions, God is reaping a harvest for His Kingdom, and we are fulfilling the Great Commission Jesus gave us to go and tell the world (Matt. 28:18-20).



**Special Date:** This February 20, at 6pm, there will be an STR rally at the Kalamazoo Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1601 Nichols Rd, Kalamazoo, MI. So if you're in the area, please join us to hear about this station opportunity as we share a lot more details AND powerful Strong Tower Radio listener testimonies!



## **Changed Lives!**



We'd love to hear from you! Call 231.468.2087; email: Info@StrongTowerRadio.org; access our Facebook page or StrongTowerRadio.org website and click on the 'Contact' tab.

## People are saying...

"I listen to your programming every day, and really get a lot from the programs. Thank you and God bless you all for proclaiming God's character in such an uplifting way!" Seney, MI

"We listen to Strong Tower Radio whenever we can; we love what we're hearing. I even listen on my tractor. Strong Tower Radio doesn't dance around truth; they speak it clearly. We've decided to become monthly supporters of STR." Buckley, MI

"I first discovered STR while searching the radio dial in my car, and after a few minutes of listening I said to my husband, 'This is the truth, just like the Bible teaches!'" Grayling, MI

"I hope you can expand and include Indiana radio stations at some point. Blessings for 2021." A streaming listener in Indiana

We received a letter last month from an Indiana supporter who can't get STR over the air, but supports us financially. They used the post-paid envelope and added an extra 55¢ as an 'extra gift' because they didn't have a stamp and didn't want to wait in the Christmas post office line!!

### Making a Specific Gift

Some people like to give to a specific project. One of them is replacing the aviation lights on our TV tower for \$12,000. Another is for a new encoder to restore two channels on the same station for \$5000. Please call Kam at 423.381.9414 or email Kam.Ferguson@strongtowerradio.org for these or to 'custom fit' another project for your donation. Thank you!



# Strong Tower Radio is Growing!

We are prayerfully moving forward with the opportunity to purchase an excellent radio station to cover the Battle Creek and Kalamazoo areas. Donors are already stepping out in faith; more than \$10,000 has been given toward this station purchase.

Strong Tower Radio has sent a letter of intent to the station's owners, and it contains a non-disclosure clause that prevents us from sharing more details in our newsletters, website, etc. We will be contacting supporters in the greater Battle Creek and Kalamazoo area with further details in the coming weeks.

We are living in momentous times, and our Lord Jesus Christ wants us to move ahead in faith, while we still have

the financial means! As the Holy Spirit impresses you, please consider an additional gift to reach another potential 250,000 listeners with the everlasting gospel. Please mark your gift "Kalamazoo project", so that we may properly apply the funds.

As Jesus promised and declared to Abram, "Fear not, I am your shield, and your exceeding great reward." Invest in the One who not only assures you a great return but also promises to return soon in person! These two returns are inseparably linked. May God bless you with His promise of peace as you lay this invitation before Him.

In case you missed page 2's special date: February 20, 6pm, there will be a rally at the Kalamazoo Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1601 Nichols Rd, Kalamazoo, Ml. <u>Join us</u> to hear more about this station opportunity as we share details and powerful Strong Tower Radio listener testimonies!

# **Special Series: The Curse of Racism**

Until one knows the real cause of racism and prejudice, they cannot know the remedy! Jesus' teachings unravel not only the cause but the only real cure. Surprisingly, as much pain as this issue has caused, much of the world, including churches and political systems, pay little attention to His wisdom. Taking Jesus seriously is the secret of happiness and wisdom. Tune in February 15-19, 9am and 7pm to hear Pastor Jay Gallimore's series on Jesus and Prejudice, "The Curse of Racism".

Monday- "Jesus and the Woman at the Well"
Tuesday- "Jesus and the Pharisees"
Wednesday- "Jesus and the Romans"
Thursday- "Jews and Gentiles"
Friday- "The Beatitudes"



#### Prejudice (Continued from page 1)

If we take an unprejudiced look at history, we must admit racism is a heart problem! Not a skin problem! Ever since the fall in Eden, on every continent and island, the strong have taken advantage of the weak. But it was Jesus who emphasized the Ten Commandments saying, to "love the Lord with all of our heart" is the greatest commandment. And the second one is to "love our neighbor as ourselves". If we truly embrace the first, we will automatically embrace the second.

Listening to Jesus a scribe asked, "who is my neighbor"? Then Jesus told His audience the story of the good Samaritan. When His listeners heard how a wounded Jew was ignored by a priest and a Levite, they must have been grieved. After all, these were the moral teachers of Israel. But when a hated Samaritan stopped to care for him, then carried him to safety and paid for his care, they were stunned, shocked and sobered. When unselfish love reigns in the heart, prejudice and racism will die.

So, who is to blame for the cruelty of racism? The selfishness of the human race! Just as the listeners of Jesus needed a new birth into the Savior's unselfish love, so do we. Only this alone can cure the evil of prejudice and racism! Everything else is Band-Aids.



# Unfortunately a Sad Goodbye

We love this photo for two reasons:

1) Terry Nelson's infectious smile, and
2) he is using the Strong Tower Radio recording studio.

George Corliss who envisioned and probably raised the money for this studio would have been very pleased to see this picture of him!!

We fondly remember Pastor Terry's wife and daughter taking this picture before a recording session. It means even more now. Pastor Terry passed away while vacationing in Florida. Our condolences to his family and many friends. We can say and hope, "Come soon, Lord Jesus."



# **Volunteer Opportunities**

Volunteering for the Lord's work can be very rewarding!

- 1) Editing audio recordings is the life-blood of programing. There's a constant need for new productions; volunteer from anywhere if you have a computer and the internet or come into our studio (or future remote studios) to edit. Contact Tom Mejeur at 616.550.3555 or Tom@StrongTowerRadio.org to get started!
- 2) Strong Tower Radio's studio building is in desperate need of volunteers to help with cleaning. We could use different volunteers taking turns! Call Sandy at 231.468.2087
- 3) We need help once a month, for a few hours, with mailing our newsletter. Usually the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of each month. If you can come into the studio in Cadillac, call Sandy at 231.468.2087.

Thank you for considering working for God and helping Strong Tower Radio, we appreciate it!!

# Speak the Truth in Love

Today, many would see Jesus as a racist when He told the Samaritan woman, ". . .we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews." Most people



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would object to Jesus saying that a Gentile's faith exceeded any of those in Israel (John 4:22).

Isaiah 29:21 says that in the last days people will "...make a man an offender for a word...". We are experiencing these things today. When Jesus made these statements, He always spoke truth in love and revealed what was missing in people's lives. He did not call one group better than another!

Salvation was, actually, of the Jews. Through the Jewish people, Jesus incarnated into humanity. Keep listening as Jesus continues by telling the Samaritan woman, "The hour comes, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth." Jesus went to the heart of the matter every time, identifying what was missing. Samaritans and Jews alike were worshipping God their own way, not in spirit and in truth.

Identifying right from wrong discriminates. To discriminate means to recognize a difference. Will we fear to speak the truth in love or call sin by its right name because of how some respond?

We need great faith and wisdom. We need the mind of Christ, too. We must have His Word abiding in us through the Holy Spirit.

STR broadcasts the everlasting gospel to a world in need of truth, spoken in love. As with Jesus' earthly ministry, some hearers will be drawn, while others will be offended. We praise God for moving upon your mind and heart to support STR with your varied resources including much prayer. May the Holy Spirit take your gifts and multiply them greatly in the currency of souls today.

#### **How to Make Your Investment Donations:**

For credit card or bank account withdrawal go to our secure website, <a href="www.StrongTowerRadio.org">www.StrongTowerRadio.org</a>, or call, 231.468.2087. You may also donate by check or money order **mailed to:**Strong Tower Radio, PO Box 567, Cadillac, MI 49601

We have something for you **tech-savvy** people too!! You can text 'donate' to 231.216.6809.

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# STR Engagements:

2/06 9 a.m. Kam Ferguson at Carp Lake SDA Church2/06 11 a.m. Kam Ferguson at Cheboygan SDA Church2/13 11 a.m. David Bolduc at Marion SDA Church2/13 11 a.m. Kam Ferguson at Petoskey SDA Church2/27 9 a.m. Kam Ferguson at Fremont SDA Church

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