

*For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we see light.*

*Psalm 36:9*

# *the* LifeWord

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Dear Friends:

## **DINNER DELAYED**

A few nights ago, the boys called me to join them for something special. It was one of those proud, father/son, bonding moments; a time-honored, legacy passing ceremony of utmost importance...The Three Stooges DVD was rolling in glorious black and white. It was one of our favorite episodes and we started laughing before the opening credits finished.

The story is predictable, the upper crust dinner party needed the help of some expert plumbers and our three heroes came to the rescue. Soon after, the house was wrecked and water came from the TV's, the light fixtures and the stove. After a valiant but futile struggle, the raincoat clad cook tiredly announced, *"Dinner is gonna be delayed on account of rain!"*

I realized, 75 years ago, kids could be found laughing at the very same bits that we had chortled about that night. Funny didn't have an expiration date. I don't guess Solomon had Moe, Larry and Curly in mind with his, *"nothing new under the sun"* observation. I can see it; they could have been the comic version of Three Hebrew Children. They would have been a big hit on the circuit.

Speaking of nothing new, the same can be certainly said of man's continued follies and foibles as he thinks he can run his own life and the business of this planet. That has never been funny.

Although America was still reeling from Fannie and Freddie's failures, it was compounded this week as the economic boom really went boom. After a 500 point spiral down at the NYSE, a queasy, uneasy feeling was in the air as the Lehman Brothers and their cohorts started looking for standing space on the nearest Wall Street ledge.

Obvious questions will arise about the geniuses in charge of some of the felled fiscal giants. Trusts were violated with reports of bonuses, loans and other perks, possibly totaling in the hundreds of millions, to the captains of those sinking ships. Because of this debacle, lots of dinners, in lots of homes, will be delayed and even denied. I didn't realize our three friends had been such a big influence on Wall Street.

In another, *"Wisdom of Man"* adventure, I just read MSNBC's (another bunch you have to keep an eye on) account of the new "Big Bang Machine".

This latest stooge episode employed 10 thousand scientists as 14 years and 10 billion bucks were blown to find the origin of the universe. In the article, the project leader said, *"We can now look forward to a new era of understanding about the origins and evolution of the universe". Once this gizmo gets cranked up, protons traveling near the speed of light will bring, "a state that should replicate what the entire universe was like just an instant*

*after it came into being*". How precious.

OMG! It would have been cheaper to buy 10 thousand Gideon Bibles, give 'em out to the guys in the white lab coats and ask them to check out the first verse on page one. The mystery could have been solved and the ten billion bucks could have gone to school teachers, Mother Teresa and Jerry Lewis.

As the *"wise ones"* continue to steal, squander and submerge in their own wisdom, our world is recklessly and blindly buckling itself into a front row seat on the *"Hand Basket to Hades"* thrill ride. Consequently, we're left with a big bill.

I've got an idea, let's get those bonuses back and then call in our loans from all of the countries who hate us anyway. While waiting for the check, we'll just start the clean up and continue to wade through the messes of moronic man. And, because of the mess, dinner's gonna be delayed.

*Michael*

PS: Beginning this Sunday, the 11:30 South Shore service has a new home, Crescent City Christian School Auditorium at the corner of Utica and Harvard in Metairie. This is at the east end of the Celebration Church campus. Parking is available at the Balcony Banquet Hall. Special thanks to the good folks at Celebration Church and the Balcony.



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