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What The Bible Says Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Dear Friends and Editors, Please read then freely print this weeks Penny Pulpit Column in your papers, bulletins, emails, bloggs and twitters . Thank you for this consideration. Pastor Ed Rice, Good Samaritan Baptist Church, Dresden NY 14441 These Baptist Penny Pulpits are an asset to many. Please add someone using the FORWARD below. Msg #1335 Coming for His Church What The Bible Says Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice The sufficiency found in Christ is present in the promise of His 2nd coming, the purpose of His 2nd coming, and the plan for His 2nd coming. “ I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go... I will come again... that where I am, there ye may be also.” (John 14) The affirmation he left in this promise is powerful, “ if it were not so, I would have told you!” The analogy throughout is as a groom coming back to take his bride, and his Church, Greek Ecclesia, i.e. a called out, gathered together body of believers, behaves as the chaste kept virgin looking for that day. “For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.” (2Cor 11:2) Those who have “thee/thou” in their Bible, note the use of “you” here, and know the relevance He will not jilt his Church at the altar. In the mean time that “chaste virgin,” His called out, gathered together body, is likened to stewards with certain talents to be used for their soon returning lord. One cannot miss this analogy in the Holy Scriptures, particularly in the teachings of Christ. Observe that no man knowing the time or his return is in his purpose for his Ecclesia. Keep striving for the increase of His Kingdom and keep looking up. Observe also that his Ecclesia is not a “universal-catholic” body, it is a local assembled body, independent and autonomous. The former errant idea is purely Roman in conception. Stepping away from Rome will also cause one to understand the plan in his coming; first coming FOR his saints (1Thes 4:14-18) then, after a wedding, coming WITH his saints. (Rev 19) Keep looking up. An Essay for week #35 Sun, Sep 1, 13 Published at www.GSBaptistChurch.com/ppulpit/biblesays13.pdf In paperback at <http://www.lulu.com/spotlight/GSBaptistChurch>

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