"A son honoureth his father and a servant his master: if then I Be A Father, <u>Where Is Mine</u> <u>Honour?</u> And if I be A Master, where is My Fear?' Saith the LORD of Hosts unto you, 'O priests, that despise My Name.' And ye say, "Wherein have we despised Thy Name?" Ye offer polluted bread upon Mine Altar; and ye say, "Wherein have we polluted Thee?" In that ye say, "The Table of the LORD is contemptible." And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? And if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? Offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person?' Saith the LORD of Hosts." Malachi 1:6-8 KJV

The apostate who calls himself the "Apostle of God,"



the pope, is revered and honored by millions who follow this devil's ambassador straight to hell! How many politicians are honest men of integrity? We honour the basest of men with our interest, our money, our votes, and our time. Some, by simply being a "sports fan." We say such and such is our team, but if they were really ours would not they reflect our Faith? Do they? We give oodles of lip service to our love of God, but where do we really spend our time, interest, and money? So, if we say one thing and do another, are we not liars? "The tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity... and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. He that saith,' I know Him,' and keepeth not His Commandments, is a liar, and the Truth is not in him." We can't even be honest with ourselves about Faith. Stress and worry are nothing but doubt and doubt is unbelief! We let the stress of living deprive us of the Joy of Life, because we don't believe Jesus Came "that they might have Life, and that they might have It more abundantly." We call Jesus Lord and Master but serve our own lusts. His Response; "Why call ye me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not the Things Which I Say?" True Faith is demonstrated not orchestrated. "Faith, if it hath not works, is dead. As he is in his heart, so is he." Actions demonstrate heart. We may fool some, but not all and never God for He is "a Discerner of the thoughts AND INTENTS of the heart!" What rule do you impose to evaluate the merit of your deeds? Is it God's Word or men's approval? We think we do God a service with our leftovers. He says, "Offer it now unto thy governor; will be be pleased with thee, or accept thy person?" Is the mortgage or utility company happy with leftovers? Is your Boss? Are your creditors? Are you? Why do you assume God would be? The Scripture is replete with examples of what God Demands and Deserves. "And Abel. he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD Had Respect unto Abel and to his offering. Bring ye ALL the tithes into the Storehouse." A tithe is a tenth and not just your money, but of ALL your increase. Does God not add a fresh 24 hours to your life each day? Did you tithe of that? Do we actually pay homage to God or do we just pretend? You may think you would feel differently if you could witness firsthand some miracle, but didn't the sun rise this morning? Has it ever, not? "And God Made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: He Made the stars also." What part did you or any other play in this miracle?

> Why do our hearts so wander astray? We do we often run our own way? Why hear we not what God has to say; When we ought repent while it is day? –CGP

My late father once preached a sermon titled, "Playing Church." Is that what we're doing, "playing Christian?" Is it really faith when we just pretend?

"As he that bindeth a stone in a sling, so is he that giveth honour to a fool. As a thorn goeth up into the hand of a drunkard, so is a parable in the mouth of fools. The Great God That Formed all things both Rewardeth the fool, and Rewardeth transgressors." Proverbs 26:8-10 KJV