

## **George M. Bradley: "I don't understand it, but I BELIEVE it!"**

et me tell you about a man named <u>George Markwell Bradley</u>, who graduated from Stanford University, was a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army during WWII, and became an executive accountant for both <u>American Motors</u> and <u>Chrysler Corp</u>.



Mr. Bradley was a man of **INTEGRITY**, being of sound moral principles, upright, honest and sincere. He was also a man who sincerely from the heart, <u>believed in</u> <u>God</u>, and taught these values to his children.

His daughter and a young black man met in college and fell in love. But her parents had concerns about this relationship because of the social times of the 70's, and feared trouble for their daughter.

So they made it difficult for them to meet, but as a result, the couple decided to marry! Her mother, not willing to be party of their wedding plans, went to stay with her relatives in Missouri until the wedding was over, and took her two youngest children with her.



But George made the decision to attend the wedding, and gave his daughter away. He even attended the small, <u>humble</u> reception at the home of the groom's mother. He was the only family member that would attend his daughter's wedding.



Later, with the news of their first born coming, the new couple dedicated their future children to God. Soon after their third child, the couple became <u>*Christians*</u> and began having <u>*bible studies*</u> in their home.



They put up a "<u>Bible In The News</u>" board in their home to keep their children aware of the TIMES they were living in, and how it compared with the Word of God.

These were daily newspaper articles that showed the signs that Jesus said would come.

Over the years, Mr. Bradley observed the mixed couples life, and became <u>increasingly</u> <u>concerned</u> at the number of children they were having. From his <u>mathematical calcula-</u><u>tions</u>, they would not be able to afford such a large family.

But these young Christians explained their "*trust in the Lord*" (PROVERBS 3:5), to <u>provide</u> for them because their "...*children are an* **HERI-TAGE** of the Lord: and the **FRUIT** of the womb is His reward" (PSALM 127:3).

And they told him, '*What God had given them*, <u>God would also **PROVIDE** for</u>!'

Mr. Bradley did not challenge this, but continued to listen, and to watch! The <u>rest of the</u> <u>family</u> who had been "<u>polite</u>" but distance, began to move "<u>closer</u>."

Throughout the years, <u>Mr. Bradley</u> continued to enquire about the "<u>bible studies</u>" and later, attended one. He asked questions, but one question bothered him.

Seeing that he believed in God, he asked, "<u>If</u> you **BELIEVE** in God, then **WHY** is it necessary to believe in Jesus Christ for salvation?"

No answer was satisfactory, so his son-in-law said to him *in all meekness and humility*:

"If YOU truly believe in God with all your heart, then ask God to SHOW YOU His Son.ö Later, George's youngest daughter who was still living at home and attending college was in her bedroom studying, when she heard a voice coming from down the hall. She went to investigate, and discovered that it was her father in his bedroom, <u>praying</u>!

Not long after, George assembled his family to his kitchen table (below), and said, "<u>I don't understand how Jesus Christ fits into the plan of salvation, but</u> **I BELIEVE IT**!"



Then, he began in tears to <u>confess</u> to his wife how sorry he was for his <u>harshness</u> of tone over the years, and as he named his children one by one, he <u>expressed his sorrow</u> for the way he had mistreated them too!

During the final days of his life, and being <u>unable to</u> <u>speak</u>, George took the hand of his son-in-law,

gripping it, and stared <u>urgently</u> into his eyes. After his death in 1994, <u>Day Star Publications</u> was first published in hopes that <u>all</u> family members would also "HEAR THE WORD" and be saved! It's purpose:



"...to provoke thoughtful consideration of the world around us, to inspire change and achievement and dare to challenge oneself to reach higher goals."

"Seek ye the Lord while He may be FOUND [JUST AS GEORGE FOUND HIM], call ye upon Him while He is near" (ISA. 55:6). "The time is at hand" (REV. 1:3; 22:10).