



Pastor's Comments

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Fighting God?

This story is continued from last week (see "Got Your Ticket?" at: <http://www.NAOG.ws/pc>). I had just told the elderly man on the tour train that Jesus was the only ticket to heaven.

"I know that you must be born again. I once accepted Christ," he replied rather sadly. "Once? How are things now with you and the Lord?" I asked. "**I'm not where I should be...**" his voice trailed off and then came back filled with strong angry emotions. "Enough of this religious talk! **You're going to make me mad!** That's why I left Massachusetts! My sister is religious and is always talking to me about it. Now let's not talk about it any more!" But a few moments later he was back on the subject, "I believe in God. Look at all these beautiful trees. God made them." I agreed but did not pursue. Soon he was again talking about his need of getting back to God and again he became angry and said, "I told you I **don't want to talk about it!** Now let's drop it, OK?" "I didn't pick it up again—you did!" I protested. "Yes, well I guess I talk too much and get myself in trouble," he replied. After the ride he kept talking. "Your 100% right—1000% right. Thanks for the advice. Will you pray for me tonight?" I gave him a gospel tract and offered to pray for him there but he declined. Later, the man stopped me and again thanked me for talking to him about getting back to God. Obviously, God's Spirit had been dealing with him. He had been **fighting God.**

How about you, friend? **Has God been dealing with you?** The Bible commands, "**Yield yourselves unto God**" (Rom. 6:13), "**Quench not the Spirit**" (1Th. 5:19), "**Grieve not the holy Spirit**" (Eph. 4:30). Respond to God now. Don't put it off for He warns, "**My spirit shall not always strive with man**" (Gen. 6:3).

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