

THE NEXT STEP

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LORD of LORD'S



..and the M.C.G., Sabina Park, Soweto Cricket Oval.

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*To all lovers of the game, there can
be no better scene than Lord's, the
'home of cricket', filled to capacity on
a fine summer's day... everyone totally
absorbed in the struggle
between bat and ball.*

*With the course of a 5
day Test Match swinging
one way and then the
next... it can be a bit like
the 'highs and lows' of
life itself.*

*As with cricket, personal
success and fulfilment
are dependent upon a
whole range of factors...
home advantage, natural
ability, dedication. Yet
there is one particular
dimension more important to us all
than any other...*



THE LAWS OF THE GAME

Success in any match will depend upon key factors
such as the condition of the wicket and the form of the
players. Yet above all, both sides must play within the
Laws of the Game so as to stand any chance of victory.
In a similar way, our experiences in life will be largely
dependent upon our response to the 'rules' laid down
by God, our Creator, because...

*The earth's is
the LORD's, and
everything in it,
the world, and all
who live in it...*

Psalms 24:1

*The law of
the LORD is
perfect... The
statutes of
the LORD are
trustworthy... The
precepts of the
LORD are right,
in keeping them
there is great
reward.*

Psalms 19:7-11

**And His Son, the
Lord Jesus Christ, has the right to order our lives...**

...at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow...

Philippians 2:10

CAUGHT OUT

The aim of every bowler is to deceive the batsman into playing a false stroke, through spin, swing or by sheer pace. Yet even in giving life our ‘best shots’, we may well deceive ourselves...

There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.

Proverbs 14:12

But God knows us as we really are, and His judgements are always right...

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

Romans 3:23

One day, the way we’ve lived our lives will catch us out...

The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity... hatred... jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition... envy... drunkenness...

Galatians 5:19-21

Thankfully, we can never stray beyond the reach of His love...

SUCCESSFUL APPEAL

Although we can never find a right relationship with God by our own efforts, He has a plan with a sure foundation. Through the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus we can go on to experience His undeserved mercy...



God demonstrates his own love in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

...and benefit from his sacrificial and on-going love...

...Christ Jesus, who died... who was raised to life - is at the right hand of God... interceding for us.

Romans 8:34

TIMELY DECLARATION

But first, just as a timely declaration can set the scene for victory, so God calls us to declare an end to all in our lives that we know to be wrong...

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness...

1 Peter 2:24

And in the same way as a second innings will offer renewed opportunity, so by asking the Lord Jesus into our lives by His Spirit to become our Saviour and Lord, we receive forgiveness and a completely new start...

...if anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation; the old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17

VICTORIOUS PARTNERSHIP

Every long innings demands concentration and dedication, and to be a true follower of the Lord Jesus, He asks that we answer His call to exercise true commitment in standing firm in partnership with Him...

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.

1 Corinthians 16:13



Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.

Luke 9:23-24

THE FINAL TEST

A memorable victory can sometimes depend upon the outcome of the final match of a Test Series.



But there’s even more at stake for us as we’re faced with life’s greatest challenge... an everlasting life or death decision...

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in

him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

Only through a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus can we know real peace, true fulfilment and lasting security...

Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already...

John 3:18

Why not seek the Lord of Lord’s today, before time runs out and the opportunity is over!