



II Cor. 3:17 -- "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is..."

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Can  
You  
Read  
This?

Read From  
the bottom  
while page  
is flat.

## "WELL TRIED!"

**A** MINISTER who was a dedicated servant of God but not a gifted speaker received a letter of encouragement from one of his parishioners. In answering the note, the pastor said, "It gives me great joy when I'm able to help somebody. Looking at my meager ability and lack of education, I sometimes think my highest reward will not be the words 'Well done,' but rather 'Well tried, good and faithful servant.'" Although that pastor's ministry was limited, he had good intentions and he longed to do more.

## Days Gone By

On Sept. 2, 1945, Tokyo time, Japan formally surrendered to the Allies in ceremonies aboard the USS Missouri, ending World War II. This became known as V-J Day, Victory Over Japan.

A hundred years ago today  
A wilderness was here:  
A man with powder in his gun  
Went forth to hunt a deer.  
But now the times have  
changed somewhat  
Along a different plan:  
A dear with powder on her  
nose  
Goes forth to hunt a man.

## INEXHAUSTIBLE GRACE!

... the God of all grace ... hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus. I Peter 5:10

**T**HE God of all grace." This is an exceedingly beautiful title applied to our Father in Heaven. He has justifying grace for all believers, illuminating grace for every seeker, comforting grace for the bereaved, strengthening grace for the weak, sanctifying grace for the unholy, living grace for the pilgrim, and dying grace for the end of the journey. Bring hither the pitchers of your need—the grace of God will perfectly conform itself to each specially shaped sorrow, and exactly fit each particular trial.



## THIS OLD BOOK

Though the cover is worn and the pages  
are torn,  
Though places bear traces of tears;  
Yet more precious than gold is this  
book, worn and old,  
That can shatter and scatter my fears.  
This old book is my guide, It's a  
friend by my side  
It will lighten and brighten my way.  
And each promise I find soothes and  
gladdens my mind  
As I read it and need it each day.



Professor: "Can you give me an  
example of wasted energy?"  
Freshman: "Yes, sir... telling a  
hair-raising story to a bald-head-  
ed man!"

## GOD HOLDS THE KEY

Is there some problem in your heart to solve,  
Some passage seeming full of mystery?  
God knows, who brings the hidden things to light,  
He holds the key.  
Is there some door closed by the Father's hand,  
Which widely opened you had hoped to see?  
Trust God and wait - for when He shuts the door,  
He holds the key.  
Is there some earnest prayer unanswered yet,  
Or answered not as you had thought it would be?  
God will make clear His purpose by and by.  
He holds the key.  
Unfailing comfort, sweet and blessed rest,  
To know of every door God holds the key.  
That He at last when just He sees, 'tis best,  
Will give it thee.

## Distinguished Mutt



"What kind of a dog you got  
there, kid?" asked a passerby  
looking at the nondescript  
mongrel the boy had at his side.  
"He's a German police dog,"  
replied the youngster proudly.  
"He surely doesn't look like  
one," the stranger remarked.  
"Course not," said the boy  
disdainfully, "he's in the secret  
service."

## Going Up!

A tourist visiting New York  
took his little boy up to the top  
of the Empire State Building by  
elevator.  
As they went higher and higher  
the boy watched the floor num-  
bers flashing—25, 30, 35, 40—  
it seemed they would never stop.  
Finally, not able to contain  
himself any longer, he said,  
"Dad, does God know we're com-  
ing?"  
Yes, God knows we're coming.  
When the church is raptured, we  
will rise much higher than the  
tallest skyscraper. We shall rise to  
meet our Lord in the clouds. He  
knows we're coming, and He will  
come halfway to greet us.

## "...In Whatsoever Shoes I Am, Therewith to Be Content"

William C. Burns wrote, "The happiest state of a Christian on-  
earth seems to be this—that he should have few wants. If a man  
have Christ in his heart and Heaven before his eyes and only as  
much of temporal blessings as is needful to carry him safely through  
life, then pain and sorrow have little to shoot at; such a man has lit-  
tle to lose. To be in union with Him who is the Shepherd of Israel  
and to walk very near to Him who is a sun and a shield, that com-  
prehends all that a poor sinner requires to make him happy be-  
tween this and Heaven."

I am content—in trumpet tones my song let people know;  
And many a mighty man with thrones and sceptres is not so.  
And if he is, I joyful cry,  
"Why then, he's just the same as I!"

Not many today are like the boy Charles M. Alexander tells about.  
He was helping Mr. Alexander pack his case. The boy said to him,  
"Mister Charlie, would you have any old clothes you ain't makin'  
use off?"

"Well, Sam," said Mr. Alexander, "now what about shoes, and  
what size do you wear?"



"Well," Sam replied, "that  
mostly 'pends on who gives 'em.  
Sometimes I wear sixes and  
sometimes elevens."

He had learned what a lot of  
Christians haven't: "In whatso-  
ever shoes I am, therewith to be  
content."

—Tom A. Taylor  
—Secret of the Lord

## THE MINATURE BIBLE



For God so loved the world, that he gave his only  
begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should  
not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

**SA** MARTIN LUTHER called this verse "The Miniature  
Bible." Indeed it contains the essence of the Gospel  
in "a nutshell." Millions have rightly based their  
soul's salvation upon the truth of this precious verse, and  
God has honored their faith by imparting to them the  
eternal life here freely promised to all who believe.

# Miscellaneous.

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\*EVENTS  
\*VIEWS  
\*NEWS



## C. H. SPURGEON... About Jephthah's Vow

You can read about Jephthah's vow in Judges 11:30-40

"Should you keep an unwise vow? In Jephthah's case there were good reasons for going back. He had made a rash vow, and such things are much better broken than kept.

If a man makes a vow to commit a crime his vow to do so in itself is a sin, and the carrying out of his vow will be doubly sinful. If a man's vowing to do a thing made it necessary and right for him to do it, then the whole moral law might be suspended by the mere act of vowing, for a man might vow to steal, commit adultery, or to murder, and then say he was right in those acts because he vowed to do them. This is self-evidently absurd, and to admit such a principle would be to destroy all morality.

You have, first of all, no right to promise to do what is wrong; and secondly, your promise, which is in itself wrong, cannot make a criminal act to be right. If you have come under a rash vow, you must not dare to keep it. You ought to go before God and repent that you have made a vow which involves sin; but as to keeping the sinful vow, that were to add to sin. But would it not be sin to break a vow? There was great sin in making it and there will probably be some measure of sin connected with our breaking it, for few human actions are perfect; but to keep your evil vow would certainly be sin, and you must not commit the great sin to avoid the less sin which perhaps may be involved in the breach of your foolish promise."

-C.H. Spurgeon

## THE WONDERFUL PROVIDENCE OF GOD

God's Providence is His care, government, preservation and absolute control over His creation. We are governed by His sovereignty, and yet, in that sovereignty, He has decreed that man has a free will concerning salvation and life.

Many Scriptures prove He is Sovereign over all things, even to the smallest detail, and yet, there are many Scriptures that prove that man has a free will to be saved and serve God. This is impossible for any person to comprehend. But, in God's own wisdom, these two things work together for His purpose and glory. In this instance, and many others, we have to accept Deuteronomy 29:29 which teaches us that secret things belong to God. In the meantime, God teaches us in Scripture to keep on loving, serving, praying, giving, striving to win others to the Lord, etc. It is His will that we live Godly, useful and purposeful lives. So, let's do what He has instructed to do.