



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

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That Moment When...



MY THORN

I stood, in earnest prayer to God
Before His royal throne
And begged Him for one priceless gift
For me to call my own.

I took the gift from out His hand,
But as I would depart
I cried, "But Lord, this is a thorn
And it has pierced my heart.

"This is a strange and hurtful gift
Which Thou has given me";
He said, "I love to give good gifts;
I gave the best for thee."

I took it home, and though at first
The cruel thorn hurt sore;
As long years passed, I grew at last
To love its blessings more.

I learned He never gives a thorn
Without His added grace;
He takes the thorn to pin aside
The veil which hides His face.

Serious About Salvation

Every Sunday in America millions will attend some kind of a religious service. However, if you stood outside most churches, chapels and cathedrals and asked, "Do you know for sure you are saved and on your way to Heaven?" it would be a foreign language to most. They would have no idea what you were talking about.

Vance Havner said, "The average church in America starts at eleven o'clock sharp and ends at twelve o'clock dull. The clock strikes twelve, and the church gives up the dead which are therein."

Sad to say, but that is the situation in many places—going through all the rituals, all kinds of ceremonies, but having no idea whether people are saved or lost.

"The end of all things is at hand." We had better be serious about salvation.

In Days Gone By

On May 21, 1960, Leonard Dice was ordained into the Baptist ministry. He had become a pastor three months earlier in Spiceland, Indiana.



*My little boy's first Bible,
The greatest thrill he's
known
There's a sweet, unique
excitement
In a Bible all his own.
As I see him with his Bible
I bow my head and pray
May he always love that
Bible
The way he does today.*

*And yet my heart is smitten
As this touching sight I see
Has his reverence for that
Bible
Depended much on me?*

*I hear a voice within me
Speak in solemn words and
true
How he cherishes that
Bible
Will depend alot on you.*

*I love my Bible better since
I've seen the beaming joy
That this wonderful
possession
Has afforded to my boy.
May I seek to give mine
daily
A devotion he can see
For the love he bears his
Bible
Will depend alot on me.*

Retracing the last 30 years you will find that every time we have allowed Congress to raise taxes one dollar, Congress has subsequently initiated \$1.58 in new spending.
— Paul Harvey

A COUPLE was touring the Capitol in Washington and the guide pointed to a tall, benevolent gentleman as the Congressional Chaplain.

The lady asked, "What does the chaplain do? Does he pray for the Senate or House?"

The guide answered, "No, he gets up, looks at the congress, then he prays for the country."

One Monday morning a minister boarded a city bus and gave the driver a one-dollar bill. As he was finding a seat, he counted the change and noticed that the driver had given him too much money. He sat down and contemplated what would have seemed good fortune to some people.

Finally he went to the bus driver and said, "Sir, you gave me too much change when I boarded the bus a while ago."

Without even looking at him, the driver said, "I know. I was at your church last night and heard you preach on 'Thou shalt not steal.' I just wanted to see if you practice what you preach."

Do we as Christians "practice what we preach"?

THE DEVIL'S REASONS FOR NOT TITHING

- In JANUARY because of Christmas bills due.
- In FEBRUARY because of fuel bills and car upkeep.
- In MARCH because of income taxes.
- In APRIL because of clothes for Easter.
- In MAY because too much rain threatens the crops.
- In JUNE because too little rain threatens the crops.
- In JULY because of vacation expenses coming up.
- In AUGUST because of vacation expenses to be paid.
- In SEPTEMBER because of the children's school needs.
- In OCTOBER because of winter clothes and doctor bills.
- In NOVEMBER because of the Thanksgiving trip.
- In DECEMBER because of the Christmas shopping.

Look up Malachi 3:10 !!!

*God always gives His best
to those who leave the
choice with Him*

*"COMMIT thy way unto the Lord; TRUST also in Him:
and He shall BRING IT TO PASS." Psalm 37:5*

The pert eight-year-old was being punished and sat in the corner of the dining room at a table set especially for her. The rest of the family paid her little attention during her term of penitence, but they couldn't ignore her prayer before settling down to the meal.

"I thank thee, Lord," she was heard to say, "for preparing a table before me in the presence of mine enemies."

Forced Labor!



A salesman knocked on a door of a house where just inside and plainly visible was a boy painfully practicing his piano lessons.

"Sonny, is your mother home?" he inquired.

"What do you think?" snapped the boy.

God's Way Is Perfect

When William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, lost his eyesight, his son Bramwell said, "Dad, you are going to be permanent. A tongue

"You three inches long live the blindne can ruin a man

"I feel six feet tall.

with that fact," said his son.

"Shall I never see your face again?" Booth asked.

"No," said Bramwell, "probably not in this world."

Booth's hand moved slowly across the counterpane until he grasped his son's hand. Then he said, "I have done what I could for God and for the people with my eyes. Now I shall do what I can for God and for the people without my eyes!"

Miscellaneous.

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*STORIES
*EVENTS
*VIEWS
*NEWS



GLEANINGS FROM HERE AND THERE

King Herod's murder of innocent babies when Jesus was born is as nothing compared to the 60 million murders of innocent unborn babies in the U.S. by abortion since 1973 when the Supreme Court ruled it legal. How long will God tolerate premeditated murder of babies in America? Perhaps judgment has already started in our country. A baby is a gift. A baby is a person. A baby is to be protected. Contraception prevents the creation of a new life but abortion destroys a new life. There is a vast difference!

America's problems are not political, they are spiritual. Most of those we get our information from, mainly talk-radio show people, have no spiritual discernment. Most of them are profane, foul-mouthed and irreverent men and women far removed from any sense of godliness. The Scripture says, "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers" (Ephesians 4:29). Also, Proverbs 14:34 says, "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." These people have only the opinions of man and their solutions are void of the Word of God. In Proverbs 9:10 we are told that "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." We seem to have lost all fear of the Lord in America.

A liquor dealer becomes a prohibitionist when he, his wife or his children need a serious operation. He does not want his surgeon to be filled with whiskey. He becomes a prohibitionist when he enters an airplane for a trip. He does not want the pilot to be drunk on his booze. In all serious situations of life, the people who handle liquor want those they trust to have sober minds with the ability to think clearly and decide wisely. So it should be in any area of life. However, the liquor dealer does not care about the multitude of others they hurt in many ways. Alcohol never contributes to the graces of life, but rather to the evils of life. Alcohol is always injurious to the body and adds nothing to the health and clarity of mind. Alcohol is the number one killer in America. Does it matter to you?

It is quite evident that one who loves liquor, or any alcoholic beverage, is not a lover of the Bible, nor of Jesus, nor of holiness, nor of any of the other graces of life. Ephesians 5:18 says, "And be not drunk with wine wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit." Also, Proverbs 20:1 says, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

**SUNDAY SCHOOL BUILDS THE CHURCH -
It starts at 9:30 a.m.**