



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

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## WHO KILLED JESUS?

'Twas I that shed that sacred  
blood,  
I nailed Him to the tree;  
I crucified the Christ of God,  
I joined the mockery.

Of all that shouting multitude,  
I feel that I am one,  
And in that din of voices rude,  
I recognize my own.

Around the cross the throng I see,  
Mocking the Saviour's groan,  
Yet, still my voice, it seems to be  
As if I mocked alone.

## In Days Gone By

On June 16, 1903, the Ford Motor Company was established.

On June 17, 1703, John Wesley was born in England to poor parents. He was a great preacher.

## "On His Way Home"

A Fugitive is one who is running from home.  
A Vagabond is one who has no home.  
A stranger is one who is away from home.  
A *pilgrim* is one who is on his way home.  
As a pilgrim and a stranger, I've learned something over the years, and that is, whatever happens between me and my home is wrapped up in the will of God until I get there!

An elderly doctor listened to the wails of a woman who bemoaned the disappearance of the family physician, the "good old-fashioned doctor." Finally he lost his patience and replied, "Madam, If you will show me an old-fashioned family, I will produce a doctor for it."

## Earth's hot center!

"A nagging problem for humans. . . . The interior of the Earth is tantalizingly close, by cosmic standards, but how do you get there?"

"The deepest oil well penetrates a mere six miles into the crust (the center of the Earth is about 4,000 miles deeper). Russian scientists dug the deepest hole on the planet in Siberia, but bottomed out at about 7.5 miles below the surface.

"It gets harder and harder to drill deep into the earth because rocks get softer and softer. Brittle at the surface, rocks become plastic at depth, and the pressure caused by the weight of the overlying crust—about 52,800 pounds per square inch at a depth of ten miles, says drilling consultant William Maurer—collapses deep wells, making further drilling impossible. . . .

"It is hot down there, really hot—9,932° F at the Earth's core according to scientists at University College London. (That's nearly as hot as the surface of the sun.) All that geothermal energy moving out through the mantle and crust can cause devastating earthquakes and volcanic eruptions."

—Joel Achenbach / Lynne Warren  
National Geographic, 4/04

God did not save us to make us happy. That is a by-product. He saved us to make us holy. You and I who are saved have been predestinated to be conformed to the image of God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

## How to Be Miserable in 20 Easy Steps

1. Use "I" as often as possible.
2. Always be sensitive to slights.
3. Be jealous and envious.
4. Think only about yourself.
5. Talk only about yourself.
6. Trust no one.
7. Never forget a criticism.
8. Always expect to be appreciated.
9. Be suspicious.
10. Listen greedily to what others say of you.
11. Always look for faults in others.
12. Do as little as possible for others.
13. Shirk your duties if you can.
14. Never forget a service you may have rendered.
15. Sulk if people are not grateful for your favors.
16. Insist on consideration and respect.
17. Demand agreement with your own views on everything.
18. Always look for a good time.
19. Love yourself first.
20. Be selfish at all times.

Wilbur Comstock says if there are any insects on the moon they'll have to be lunar-ticks.

Do you wish the world were better?

Let me tell you what to do:  
Set a watch upon your actions,  
Keep them always straight  
and true.

Rid your mind of selfish notions;  
Let your thoughts be clean and high.

You can make a little Eden  
Of the space you occupy.

## Money

*There are some things that money can buy.*

*It can buy riches to flatter the eye.*

*It can buy diamonds all shining and bright*

*and it can buy liquor to weaken the might;*

*It can buy pleasure to some small extent  
But you'll find that pleasure was only lent.*

*It can buy clothing, it can buy books  
and drugstore complexion*

*Which accounts for good looks.*

*It can buy food, we all really need  
Also without it, we're helpless indeed.*

*But, there are some things money  
cannot buy.*

*It cannot buy water when the country's dry,  
It cannot buy sunshine or a downpour of rain.*

*To gladden the orchard and ripen the grain;*

*It cannot buy friends who are steadfast  
and true,*

*It cannot buy joy for me or for you.*

*It cannot buy peace or brotherly love.*

*It cannot buy treasures from heaven  
above.*

*Money's a downfall to many,  
an uplift to some,*

*But it will count nothing*

*In the next world to come.*

Nellie Scott

*In days of yore, if anybody  
missed a stagecoach, he was  
content to wait two or three days  
for the next one. Now he lets  
out a squawk if he misses one  
section of a "revolving door".*

## THE OLD, BENT TREE

The tree was old and ugly bent,  
With knots about its trunk;  
Its market value—not a cent,  
'Twas only fit for junk;

But when the tree was but a sprout  
Just shooting from the earth,  
Had it been staked and straight-  
ened out,  
What might have been its worth?

How much the old, bent tree  
portrays  
One's life that's spent in sin,  
Who's old and full of wicked days,  
And never lets God in;

Who might have been a stalwart  
man,  
So strong and great in truth,  
If only he had sought God's plan  
Back in the days of youth!

Oh, parents of our land today,  
Help start the children straight,  
By teaching them to watch and pray  
Before it is too late;

By helping them to seek the Lord  
Who saves by grace sublime,  
And holds for them a great reward  
Beyond the shores of time!

—Rev. Walter E. Beethour

## Questions

1. What Old Testament king had a throne of ivory? I Kings 10:16-18
2. Before what mountain were flocks and herds forbidden to graze? Ex. 34:1-3
3. Whose life was endangered by a conspiracy of 40 people? Acts 23:12-13

# Miscellaneous-

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\*EVENTS  
\*VIEWS  
\*NEWS



## FLOODS DESTROY HARDIN, IL GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

The recent floods on the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers have played havoc with millions of people who have lost their homes and jobs. The Grace Baptist Church of Hardin, Illinois, located an hour south of our church, and a church we helped start, is one of those casualties. A levee on the Illinois River broke, flooding the bottom lands. All that could be seen of the church building was a part of the roof and the steeple. The church of course is the people, not the building, however they need a place to meet. They are now making plans as to what they need to do. Please pray for them.

THINK YOU HAVE FAMILY PROBLEMS? Listen to the situation of this young man:

1. A few years ago I met a young widow with a grown-up daughter and we got married.
2. Later my father married my step-daughter. That made my stepdaughter my stepmother and my father became my stepson.
3. Also, my wife became the mother-in-law of her father-in-law.
4. Then the daughter of my wife, my stepmother, had a son. This boy was my half-brother because he was my father's son, but he was also the son of my wife's daughter which made him my wife's grandson. That made me the grandfather of my half-brother.
5. This was nothing until my wife and I had a son. Now the half-sister of my son, my stepmother, is also the grandmother. This makes my father the brother-in-law of my child, whose stepsister is my father's wife. I'm my stepmother's brother-in-law, my wife is her own child's aunt, my son is my father's nephew and I AM MY OWN GRANDPA!

(And you think you have family problems!)

## BE SURE YOUR SINS WILL FIND YOU OUT

Remember the rugged, macho, handsome "Marlboro Man" who starred in cigarette ads on TV? His name was Wayne Lauren. After 25 years of smoking he developed lung cancer. When that happened he became an anti-smoking crusader. He died at the age of 51. His mother said, "He fought a hard battle. Some of his last words were: 'Take care of the children. Tobacco will kill you, and I am living proof of it.'"