



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

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Day and Night—Forever and Forever!

I have heard men and women boast that they were not afraid of Hell. They were sure they could endure the torment, and therefore they would 'take their chances.'

To such people I would offer a challenge: put just one finger over the flame of one little match and hold it there in the flame until the match burns out! No person alive would voluntarily do such a thing—nor could anyone endure the pain even if he (or she) would be willing to. The pain from even so small a flame would be so excruciating, it would force withdrawal long before the match extinguished itself.

In comparison, think of the rolling flames of the Inferno of Hell, flames that will never cease to burn, and the wicked will be tormented on in those flames day and night forever and ever.

—Oliver B. Greene

If a man does not make new acquaintances as he passes through life, he will soon find himself left alone. A man should keep his friendships in constant repair.

—Samuel Johnson

Days Gone By

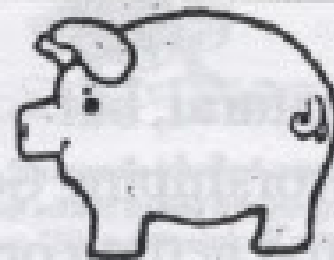
On August 5, 1861, the federal government levied an income tax for the first time.

On August 6, 1806, the Holy Roman Empire ended.

On Aug. 7, 1789, the War Department began.

HOG NEWS - Did you hear this one?

Papa Hog wandered down to the brewery and found a big puddle of sour beer that had been poured out. When he staggered home, Mama Hog met him and quickly shunted him around the barn, out of sight of the baby pigs. With a furious grunt she exclaimed, "You shameless thing! What do you mean by making such a human being of yourself in front of the children?"



Flanders Field

is a United States military cemetery near Waregem, Belgium. Buried in this cemetery are the bodies of 368 members of the armed forces who died in World War I (1914-1918). Canadian poet John McCrae wrote the famous poem "In Flanders Fields."

In Flanders fields the poppies grow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing,
Fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved; and now
we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe.
To you from falling hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it
high!
if ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies
grow
In Flanders fields.

THE COUNTERFEITER

According to Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28, Satan desires to be like God. In his book about the Devil, J. Oswald Sanders offers this interesting description of the counterfeit nature of his schemes.

Satan has his own trinity - the Devil, the beast, and the false prophet (Rev. 16:13).

He has his own church - "the synagogue of Satan" (2:9).

He has his own ministers - "Satan . . . his ministers" (II Cor. 11:14,15).

He has formulated his own system of theology - "doctrines of devils" (I Tim. 4:1).

He has established his own sacrificial system - "the Gentiles . . . sacrifice to devils" (I Cor. 10:20).

He has his own communion service - "the cup of devils . . . and of the table of devils" (vs. 21).

His ministers proclaim his own gospel - "another gospel" (Gal. 1:6-8).

When You Have a Pain, Don't Be One

I will not murmur when small things go wrong;

When plans of mine long cherished weaken, fail;
When hushed upon my lips is life's glad song!

When joys long sought have vanished past recall—
God knows—God knows.

I will not weakly weep the hours away,

Though Marah's waters flow around my feet;

Though life's fair sky be shadowed, leaden, gray;

Though rue be mine instead of roses sweet—
God knows—God knows.

I will not drop from weary hands, toil-worn,

The task unfinished, though a burden sore;

Though earth's fair pleasures from my grasp be torn;

Though sorrow's keenest pain my cup brim o'er—

God knows—God knows. —A. J. McDougall

Ten Great Bible Questions

1. To Adam: Where art thou?
2. To Cain: Where is thy brother?
3. To Cain: What hast thou done?
4. To Ezekiel: Can these bones live?
5. To Rebekah: Wilt thou go with this man?
6. To disciples: What think ye of Christ?
7. Pilate's question: What shall I do then with Jesus?
8. What shall it profit? (Mark 8:36)
9. How shall we escape? (Heb. 2:3)
10. Where is the Lord God of Elijah? (II Kings 2:14)



A woman hurried across the street to see her neighbor. "It's a principle of mine never to say anything about a person unless it is something good." She paused for breath, then added, "And girl, is this good!"

WHAT IS LOVE?

Love is the filling from one's own

Another's cup;

Love is the daily laying down

And taking up;

A choosing of the stony path

Through each new day,

That other feet may tread at ease

The smoother way.

Love is not blind, but looks abroad

Through other eyes,

And asks not, "Must I give?" but,

"May I sacrifice?"

Love hides its griefs that other hearts

And lips may sing;

And burdened walks that other lives

Might buoyant wing.

—Pauline Frances Camp

Two blondes were driving to Disneyland. The sign on the road said, "DISNEYLAND

LEFT" So they started crying and headed home.



Miscellaneous.

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FIND TIME FOR GOD IN EVERYTHING YOU DO

One day there was a little task God wanted me to do,
But I said, "Lord, You'll have to wait, I've got no time for you.
I have this little child to raise, and prices are so high;
Besides, we've found a house and lot we thought we'd like to buy."
So I took on some extra work, no church--I was too tired,
But I got up on Sunday morning, I had to -- or get fired!
And so I went along for years with never a thought for God;
Until one day my little child was laid beneath the sod.

The lovely home we'd bought for her seemed empty now, so bare.
In anguish then I turned to God and cried, "It isn't fair
That you should take my little one and cause my wife these tears:
When we have been so happy here these few short, busy years."
'Twas then I heard the voice of God come ringing in my ear,
"I called upon you once but then my cry you would not hear.
Now in your grief you cry for me, 'Why must this sad thing be?'
Your little child became your god, she took the place of me."

ALL ABOUT CELL PHONES AND BIBLES

What if we treated our Bibles as we do our cell phones:

1. We would carry it around in our purses or pockets.
2. We would go back and get it if we forgot it.
3. We would flip through it several times a day.
4. We would use it to receive messages from the text.
5. We would treat it as if we could never live without it.
6. We would give it as gifts to our children.
7. We would use it often as we travel, on vacations, etc.
8. We would use it in cases of emergency.
9. We would show to others how important it is to us.
10. ALSO, we would never have to worry about being disconnected because Jesus has already paid the bill.

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DON'T COME OUT LOOKING BACK

When Lot's wife came out of Sodom, she came out looking back over her shoulder. She made a physical move to come out of Sodom, but Sodom did not come out of her. Christian, don't look over your shoulder at the world. It is a sure recipe for failure!

FAILURE IS NOT FALLING DOWN...IT'S STAYING DOWN.

Remember that failure is not final!