



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

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Prayer of the Hypocrite

"I knelt to pray when the day was done,
 And prayed, 'O Lord, bless everyone.
 Lift from every saddened heart the pain,
 And let the sick be well again."
 And when I woke another day,
 And carelessly went upon my way,
 The whole day long I did not try
 To wipe a tear from any eye.
 I did not try to share the load
 Of any brother on the road.
 I did not even go to see
 The sick man just next to me.
 Yet once again when day was done,
 I prayed, 'O Lord, bless everyone.'
 But as I prayed, unto my ear
 There came a voice that whispered clear.
 Pause, hypocrite, before you pray,
 Whom have you tried to bless today?
 God's sweetest blessings always go,
 By hands which serve Him below.
 And then I hid my face and cried,
 Forgive me, God, for I have lied.
 Let me but live another day,
 And I will live the way I pray."

*I've formed a partnership with God,
 It's free of all expense.
 He furnishes all the capital,
 And I get nine-tenths.*

*He gives me courage,
 wisdom, and strength,
 And power for all details.
 I pay one-tenth for all that,
 And my partner never fails.*

The death penalty may
 not eliminate crime,
 but it stops repeat-
 ers!

In Days Gone By

On October 7, 1888, William Tyndale was executed. He gave us the first printed English New Testament.

On October 7, 1888, Henry Wallace was born. He was the Vice-President of the United States.

A Confession

Almighty God, as I sit here this lovely Sunday morning surrounded by the paper and half listening to one of the preachers over the radio, it has just come to me that I have lied to Thee and to myself.

I said I was not well enough to go to church. That was not true. I would have gone to the office if it had been Monday morning. I would have played golf if it had been Wednesday afternoon. I would have attended my luncheon club if it had met this noon.

But it was Sunday morning, and "Sunday sickness" seems to cover a multitude of sins.

God, have mercy on me; I have lied to Thee and to myself. I am not sick; I am lazy. Amen.

God's Hall of Fame

Your name may not appear down here
 In this world's Hall of Fame;
 In fact, you may be so unknown
 That no one knows your name.
 The Oscars here may pass you by
 And neon lights of blue;
 But if you love and serve the Lord,
 Then, I have news for you!
 This Hall of Fame is only good
 As long as time shall be;
 But keep in mind, God's Hall of Fame
 Is for Eternity!
 To have your name inscribed up there
 Is greater, yes by far,
 Than all the Halls of Fame down here.
 And every man-made star,
 This crowd on earth they soon forget.
 The heroes of the past,
 They cheer like mad until you fall.
 And that's how long you last!
 But God, He never does forget,
 And in His Hall of Fame,
 By just believing in His Son,
 Inscribed you'll find your name.

I tell you, friend, I wouldn't trade
 My name, however small,
 That's written there beyond the stars
 In that celestial Hall
 For every famous name on earth
 Or glory that they share;
 I'd rather be an unknown hero,
 And have my name up there!

I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom and that of all about me seemed insufficient for that day.

Abraham Lincoln



A Fetus, or Not? The following is a thought-provoking story. A prostitute seven months pregnant was found shot to death in a ditch. The baby was taken and rushed to a hospital where doctors waged an expensive but vain 17-day fight to keep it alive. The two thoughts that this story provoked were these: (1) If the 7-month-old fetus wasn't a person, why did doctors waste so much money and energy trying to save it? (2) If it was a person, why would it have been perfectly legal in many jurisdictions for the mother to have had the choice of killing it by abortion?

Questions

1. Which prophet smote another prophet on the face? I Kings 22:24
2. Who used stones for a pillow? Genesis 28:10-11
3. What boy saved Aps-tle Paul's life? Acts 23:12-35
4. What was the name for mourning clothes? II Sam. 3:31
5. Will there be another flood? Gen. 8:21-22; Gen. 9:9-17

Give Us More Pocket-Watch Christians

Many Christians are like wheelbarrows: no good unless pushed.

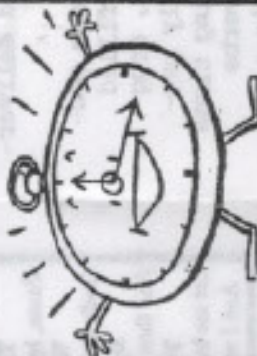
Others are like canoes: they need to be paddled.

Some are like kites: if you don't keep a string on them, they fly away.

Still others are like balloons: full of wind and just waiting for a chance to explode.

Then there are others like footballs: you can't tell which way they will bounce.

But praise the Lord, many Christians are like good pocket watches: with open faces and busy hands, they are well-regulated and full of good works. Christians like this are the backbone of every church.



PROVERBS.

"A talebearer reveals secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter."

Proverbs 11:13

Home Towns

Although he was born in Bethlehem, it was not known as Jesus' home town. We all have a home town. Can you identify the home town of the biblical figures mentioned below?

1. Amos, the prophet, was a herdsman of _____.
2. Joseph (who buried Jesus' body) was from _____.
3. Zachaeus lived in the town of _____.
4. Jesus' home town was _____.
5. Naomi was from _____.
6. Saul (the apostle Paul) was from _____.
7. Mary, Martha, and Lazarus were from _____.
8. Simon (who carried Jesus' cross) was from _____.
9. Phillip, Andrew, and Peter all came from _____.
10. Apollos was a native of _____.

Answers

1. Tekoa, Amos 1:11
2. Aithath, Luke 23:50
3. Jericho, Luke 19:1-2
4. Nazareth, Luke 2:39
5. Bethlehem, Ruth 1:2
6. Tarsus, Acts 9:11
7. Bethany, John 11:1
8. Cyrene, Matthew 27:32
9. Bethsaida, John 1:44
10. Alexandria, Acts 18:24

Redeeming Love

All that Jesus did for His church was but the expansion and unfolding of His love.

Traveling to Bethlehem, I see Love incarnate.

Tracking His steps as He went about doing good, I see Love laboring.

Visiting the house of Bethany, I see Love sympathizing.

Standing by the grave of Lazarus, I see Love weeping.

At Getsemane, I see Love sorrowing.

Passing on to Calvary, I see Love suffering, bleeding and dying.

The whole scene of His life was but an unfolding of the deep, wonderful and precious mystery of "Redeeming Love."

—McChryme

Miscellaneous.

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MOST PEOPLE'S RELIGION IS SECONDARY

The results of a Gallop Poll revealed this sad truth: "There is very little difference in the behaviour of those who go to church and those who don't."

The poll covered a wide range of items including cheating, lying and stealing. The conclusion of the poll was this: "Most people's religion is secondary." How sad.

On a national news report it was stated that in time of trouble people turn to religion, but, when the trouble is over, they forget it. It was also noted that it was always good for a politician to call for prayer since it "sets well with most people."

How sad that a person or a nation would attempt to use God like a spare tire. The only prayers that God hears are from those who love Him and follow Him in righteous living day by day. The Scripture says, "...the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." It would be well to know these Scriptures also: Psalms 34:15-17 - "The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry. The face of the Lord is against them that do evil...;the righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles."

The only hope that our nation has rests with those people who walk with Him. God cannot bless a nation filled with drunks, gamblers, pornographers, abortionists, drug addicts, etc. How thankful we are for all the Godly people who pray for our nation and armed forces during times of war and conflict. Remember this verse; Proverbs 14:34 - "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.

Remember also that the righteousness we need and can have comes through the Lord Jesus Christ when we repent and receive Him as our Saviour. We are told in II Corinthians 5:21, "For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him."

If all you have is "religion", you have nothing and God cannot answer your prayers. But, if you have Christ as your Saviour, your prayers will be heard and answered and Heaven will be your home someday!

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