



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

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BUTCHERING THE HYMNS

The Episcopal church, it seems, decided the hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers," was too militaristic and therefore "not Christian"! Some are trying to get it removed from the hymnal.

New Age Presbyterians have removed "Faith of Our Fathers" for being "sexist" and anti-woman. They dumped "Stand Up for Jesus" because it might offend the handicapped. The man who reported this says he dumped the Presbyterians after that, calling them "mystic Aquarian New Age impulsivists." I have to agree with him, that to follow this line of thinking could lead to the elimination of music since it is not heard by the deaf, or dousing the lights to compliment the blind.

He concludes: "Let's all burn down our homes to accommodate the homeless and quit our jobs so as not to offend the unemployed." Makes about as much sense!

- Dr. Hugh Pyle

"A house is built of logs
and stone,
Of files and posts and piers;
A home is built of loving
deeds
That stand a thousand
years."

In Days Gone By

On Nov. 3, 1957, the Soviet Union launched Sputnik Two, the second manmade satellite, into orbit. On board was a dog named Laika which was sacrificed in the experiment.

On Nov. 4, 1842, Abraham Lincoln married Mary Todd in Springfield, Illinois.

On Nov. 4, 1952, Eisenhower was elected President of the United States.

Have you noticed how easy it is to "meet expenses" these days? You meet them every time you turn around!!

WHAT IS A CHILD WORTH?

There are clocks to tell the time of day,
And scales to tell the weight of hay,
But what rule, sir, would you employ
To tell the worth of a girl or boy?
Measures there are for silver and gold,
By carats the worth of diamonds are told,
But there is no measure in all the earth
To tell what a boy or girl is worth!

MELODIC MUSINGS

It is an interesting fact that many times when we should feel the least like singing, God chooses to do something remarkable through a spiritual message in song. Perhaps it is because the Christian's joy is not dependent upon changeable surroundings but upon the indwelling presence of God through the Holy Spirit.

The psalmist has written, "I call to remembrance my song in the night; I commune with mine own heart; and my spirit made diligent search." (Ps. 77:6) A great miracle began with songs and praises in Acts 16, where we read: "And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises unto God; and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed." In a more modern day setting, let me relate an incident about another prisoner, chained by sin, whose deliverance began with,

A Song at Midnight

A man was for many years an infidel, a hard drinker, and most unkind to his wife. One day after a debauch, he went out on a stringer, belonging to a wharf in the process of building, drank two bottles of whiskey, and lay down on the stringer, expecting to fall asleep, and roll over in the water in his sleep. He wanted to end his miserable existence, but had not the courage to do it any other way.

He did fall asleep, but did not turn over, and awoke with the stars shining in his face. He went home at midnight, saw his wife through the window still at work ironing, and heard her singing, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." The thought came to him, "If Jesus can make my wife sing at midnight, He can make me stop drinking." He never touched a drop of intoxicating liquor after that, and he became a sincere, trusting Christian.

—from HYMNS IN HUMAN EXPERIENCE



Look People in the Eye

When someone is talking to you or when you're talking to someone, try to maintain eye contact if the conversation is lengthy, of course it's all right to glance away. But look back at the person.

If you look away while someone is talking with you, it might indicate that you have no interest in what he or she is saying. And if you're trying to communicate with someone, it is difficult to get the message across if the person is looking away.

While preaching a sermon, I have many times knocked on the pulpit as if knocking on a door, simply to get the attention of the audience. I've often said, "Look up here a minute," and then continued with the message.

The same is true when witnessing to an individual. Many times I've said, "if you don't mind, look at me."

When our children were small, I never tried to communicate with them unless they were looking at me.

Looking people in the eye helps to communicate a clear message and demonstrates that we're interested in what others are saying to us.

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The Cost of Power

It costs much to obtain the power of the Spirit. It costs self-surrender and humiliation and a yielding up of our most precious things to God. It costs the perseverance of long waiting and the faith of strong trust. But when we are really in that power, we shall find this difference: that whereas before it was hard for us to do the easiest things, now it is easy for us to do the hard things.

—A. J. Gordon.

HE PRAYED

He prayed upon the mountains,

He prayed for you and me,

He prayed in humble dwellings,

He prayed beside the sea.

He prayed in early morning,

Prayed with all his might,

He prayed at noonday and at dusk,

He prayed all thro' the night.

He prayed for those who scorned Him,

For those who killed Him, too,

He prayed, "Father forgive them

They know not what they do.

He prayed when He was lonely,

He prayed when He was sad,

He prayed when He was weary,

He prayed when He was glad.

He prayed for those in sorrow,

He prayed for those in sin,

He prayed for those in trouble,

That they might come to Him.

WORDS

The greatest word is God.

The deepest word is soul.

The fastest word is time.

The slowest word is patience

The darkest word is sin.

The saddest word is alone.

The word with the most comfort is together.

The most blissful word is family.

The sweetest word is home.

The dearest word is mother.

The tallest word is dad.

The tenderest word is love.

The calmest word is peace.

The most treasured word is friend.

The shortest word is life.

The most dreaded word is death.

The fullest word is Calvary.

The grandest word is Jesus.

The most unique word is you.

The most glorious word is Gospel.

The best word is saved.

The unsurest word is doubt.

The lowest word is Hell.

The highest word is Heaven.

The most hopeless word is lost.

The most regretful word is neglect.

The ultimate word is choice.

The longest word is eternity.

—Contributed

Miscellaneous.

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DAVID SINNED WITH HIS EYES WIDE OPEN

In I Chronicles 21:1 we see where Satan provoked David to number the Israelites. David knew it was wrong. Joab begged him not to do it but he walked into this sin with his eyes wide open and paid a terrible price. He also did the same thing when he fell into sin with Bathsheba. We know the rest of the story by reading what happened to his family. David knowingly fell into sin time after time.

So it is with many people today, even Christians. They know the truth and yet Satan, slick as a whistle, traps them and causes their lives to be ruined. Listen to this admonition from James 4:17, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." Also, we read these words in Luke 12:48, "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required." For Christians we have responsibility down here and accountability up there. A word to the wise is sufficient!

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KING JAMES BIBLE, PAST AND FUTURE

The Devil hates the Word of God and now we see much of the hostility that he has stirred up against the Bible and Christianity in America. It has not always been so. In 1982, Newsweek discussed the impact of the Bible on America:

"For centuries, the Bible has exerted an unrivaled influence on American culture, politics and social life. Now historians are discovering that the Bible, perhaps even more than the Constitution, is our founding document: the source of the powerful myth of the United States as a special, sacred nation, a people called by God to establish a model society, a beacon to the world.

"There was a time, early in the history of our nation, when rugged settlers piously named their newly founded towns and cities after places in the Bible--Salem, Canaan, Philadelphia, Shiloh, Nazareth, Bethlehem and even Eden and Paradise. There were times, too, when Bible study was the core of public education and nearly every literate family not only owned a Bible but read it regularly and reverently."

A few years later Time magazine described the spiritual origin of America with these words: "Ours is the only country founded on a good idea. That good idea combines a commitment to man's inalienable rights with the Calvinist belief in an ultimate moral right and sinful man's obligation to do good. These articles, embodied in the Declaration of Independence and in the Constitution, literally govern our lives today."

How sad that so many today are blinded to the truth. -copied