



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

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In Days Gone By

On March 21, 1963, the Alcatraz Prison in San Francisco Bay was emptied of its last inmates at the order of Attorney General.

The lions never get out of the road of the man who waits to see the way clear before he starts.



Holy living in the lives of believers is one of the greatest needs of our day.



DIFFERENT PEWS



In most churches the pews look alike. But they are really very different.

THE CRITICAL PEW- This pew watches the pastor of the church with an eagle eye. The singing is too soft or too loud. The building is always too hot or too cold. The critical pew finds everything but the blessings of God.

THE IRREGULAR PEW- Sometimes this irregular pew is full; sometimes it is empty. The problem is that you never know what to expect from this pew.

THE CORDIAL PEW- This pew is always radiant like the sunshine.

This pew greets other pews with genuine cordiality, extends a handshake to every visitor and listens with joy to the sermons.

THE PRAYERFUL PEW- This pew spends a moment or two with bowed head in silent prayer upon entering the church. This pew comes to worship and brings the spirit of worship with it into the church.

THE SLEEPY PEW- This is the pew usually occupied by those who watched the late show. There are many "nods" in this pew but there are seldom "nods" of approval.

THE BORED PEW- This pew is occupied by those who take no mental or spiritual preparations for the service. It seldom offers a prayer for the pastor or singers or that the message will be helpful. This pew is located very near the Critical pew, usually in the back of the church. Not much music comes from the bored pew and when the services ends, it complains that the spiritual meal was blah.

Which of these pews will you occupy when you come to worship in the Lord's house next Sunday?

"THERE'S MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE"

Ofttimes we're saddened by things of life,
And not understanding ask, "Why?"
'Tis then our Lord gives us His Word,
"There's more than meets the eye."

When a loved one is taken and our heart is broken,
And in sorrow we weep and cry;
It's a sweet thing to know as onward we go,
"There's more than meets the eye."

There are times when burdened by the load we bear,
And often we struggle and sigh;
But He gives strength and we've come to know,
"There's more than meets the eye."

We think about Heaven and our wonderful Home,
And talk about the sweet by and by;
We know so little, but yet know this,
"There's more than meets the eye."

God has His purpose for troubles and trials,
Just trust 'til you're Home on high;
His perfect plan we'll then understand,
"There's more than meets the eye."

—Pastor Leonard Dice

The Greatness of God

"Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty."—Ps. 104:1.

I would not purport to be able to tell you with a finite mind just how great the infinite God really is. He is great. He is very great. In fact, He is too great fully to comprehend this side of Glory.

I can only attempt to tell you of His greatness through some of the great things that He has done, is doing and will do. "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known" (1 Cor. 13:12).

Yes, we will understand it better by and by and in that day we will know more about it. In fact, we will know all about it.

—Leon F. Maurer

WHY JUST ON SUNDAY?

We go to church on Sunday and..
We bow our heads and pray;
And, after that, for one more week,
We put our God away.
We turn to Him on Sunday for...
The favors that we seek,
And then we just forget Him
Through the hours of the week.
How poorly can we treat our God?
What gifts can we expect...
When we ignore His presence or,
Are guilty of neglect?
Why do we not remember Him...
When Monday is at hand,
And ask Him every day to bless
Our family and our land?
We ought to think of God each day...
And say a thousand prayers,
As He dispels our fears in life
And carries all our cares.

VOICE FROM THE CORN

"I'm made to be eaten—not to be
drank,
To be threshed in a barn, not soaked
in a tank.
I come as a blessing when put in a
mill,
But a blight and a curse when brewed
in a still.
Made up into loaves your children
are fed,
But made into drink I'll starve
them instead,
In bread I'm a blessing, as all of
you rule,
In drink I'm a master (the drink-
er's a fool!)
Remember my warning! My power I'll
employ,
If eaten, to strengthen; if drank,
to destroy!"

—Terry Grey Barton



"Faith without works is dead, sterile, meaningless, fruitless, empty, and hypocritical! We will now take up the collection."

ALL ABOUT GIVING

"What! Giving again?"
I asked in dismay,
"And must I keep giving
and giving away?"
"Oh No", cried the Angel,
piercing me through,
"Just give 'til the Father
stops giving to you!"

WHAT DOES CHRISTIANITY REALLY MEAN?

In the home—kindness.
In business—honesty.
In society—courtesy.
In work—thoroughness.
In play—fairness.
To the unfortunate—pity.
To sin—resistance.
To the strong—trust and good will.
To the weak—help.
To the penitent—forgiveness.
To all men—reverence and love.
To God—worship and service.

CHARLES F. BANNING

Miscellaneous.

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SOME LESSONS I HAVE LEARNED down through the years- Life is full of lessons and we are constantly learning. Sometimes we have to learn the same lesson 2 or 3 times before it really sinks in, and some lessons we never seem to learn at all. But, having been around all these many years, especially 66 years as a Christian and 63 years as a preacher, I have learned some things that are truly important. Though I've forgotten a lot of things, here are four that I would like to share with you:

I've learned from life that death is inevitable. As a minister I have dealt with the deaths of many people. We never get used to it, and we are genuinely shocked when it happens to those we love the most. However, if Jesus doesn't come soon, your death notice and mine will be in the newspaper. The truth is, we really start dying the minute we are born. When I walk through familiar cemeteries I am always amazed at the number of people buried there who were personal acquaintances in life. I'm reminded once again of Hebrews 9:27, "...as it is appointed unto man once to die, but after this the judgment."

I've learned from life that those who are saved are the happiest of all people. We live in a dog-eat-dog world with hate and revenge everywhere, but when God's love comes in we have a love for others, even for our enemies. Where God's love is there is peace, contentment and an unspeakable joy. In life or in death, we are ready to go because we know that Heaven awaits.

I've learned from life that nothing lasts in this world. Everything changes, disappears and many things become disappointing. We need to look further than this life. Listen to what the Apostle Paul wrote in II Corinthians 4:18: "While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." Hallelujah! We can be extremely happy here one day and extremely sad the next, but it's not that way in Heaven!

I've learned from life that hope makes the difference in the graveyard. I have preached many funerals of family members, friends, acquaintances and even strangers since I became a preacher in 1958, and one thing I've discovered about most families is that they want to know where their loved one went. When you die as a saved person, it not only makes a big difference for you in eternity, but it makes a big difference for your family and friends as well.

-Leonard R. Dice

DOCTOR: Tell your wife not to worry about that slight deafness as it is simply an indication of advancing years.

PATIENT: You tell her!