

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

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Let Me Lean Harder on Thee

*Veiled is the future before me;
Life's checkered pathway I climb,
God in His goodness revealing
Only one step at a time.*

*Will the tomorrow be clouded—
Will it bring sunshine to me?
Let me lean harder, dear Saviour,
Let me lean harder on Thee.*

*Earth's dearest ties must be broken,
Time's sweetest roses decay;
Words of farewell must be spoken—
Evening will follow the day.
Still, waves of joy roll around me,
Swelling from love's boundless sea,
While I lean harder, dear Saviour,
While I lean harder on Thee.*

*Sometime I'll come to a valley
Where a grim shadow is thrown,
No human friend can go with me—
Leave me, O Lord, not alone!
Till that bright, beautiful morning
When all the darkness shall flee;
Let me lean harder, dear Saviour,
Let me lean harder on Thee.*

—E. E. Hewitt.

In Days Gone By

On July 11, 1804, the Alexander Hamilton-Aaron Burr duel took place. Hamilton was injured unto death and died the next day.

LIVING FAITH!

So he died for his faith. That's fine,
More than most of us do!
But, say, can you add to that line
That he lived for it too?

It is easy to die. Men have died
For a wish or a whim.
From bravado, or passion, or
pride.
Was it harder for him?

But to live—every day to live out
All the truth that he dreamt,
While friends met his conduct
with doubt
And the world with scorn and
contempt.

Was it thus that he plodded
ahead,
Never turning aside?
Then we'll talk of the life he led;
Never mind how he died!

Philippians 1:20-24

Testimonies of the Virgin Birth

1. God (Gen. 3:15).
2. Isaiah (7:14; 9:6).
3. Jeremiah (31:22).
4. Matthew (1:18-20, 25).
5. Mark (1:1).
6. Luke (1:35).
7. John (1:14; 20:31).
8. Paul (Rom. 1:3; Gal. 4:4).
9. Elisabeth (Luke 1:43).
10. Mary (vss. 46, 47).

SALVATION IS NOT BY WORKS

"Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified."—Gal. 2:16.

Salvation is not by works, not even good works. Salvation is not by your doing. You cannot do enough good stuff; you cannot do enough polished stuff; you cannot make enough beautiful things; you cannot do any of that and earn for yourself an entrance into Heaven.

People say, "But wasn't it different back in the Old Testament times?" The Bible says, "By the works of the law shall no flesh be justified." That's God's eternal Word.

The fact is, every one of us stands by grace. We have a great Savior. As you get locked into the B-I-B-L-E, you'll be tapped into the Source Book that will enable you to "Get It Right." Just remember that it is the real Word of God.

Listen, let's get it right!

There is only one plan of salvation—get it right!

Salvation is not by your works—get it right!

We're nothing more than sinners saved by grace—get it right!

SALVATION IS BY FAITH ALONE

"For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus."—Gal. 3:26.

"If I can't be saved by my works, if I can't go out and just do and do and do and build up some kind of credit with God, how do I get saved?" The Bible says we are saved "by faith in Christ Jesus."

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

"And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures."—I Cor. 15:3, 4.

Christ's death, burial and resurrection paid for our salvation—lock, stock and barrel!

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YOUR SOUL: THE REAL YOU

What is the soul? Your soul is the real you. Your soul is the headquarters of your feelings, your intelligence, your character and your personality. Your soul is the part of you that thinks and knows and feels and remembers. Yes, your soul is the real you. It is who you are.

The soul lives in an earthly house we call the human body. And we know that this earthly house was not built to last forever. There will come a moment when your soul discovers that its earthly house is no longer a fit place to live in. Then, like a little bird that finds the cage door open, your soul will fly away from this old house, never to return.

Man's one great responsibility in life is to make the necessary arrangements for his precious soul to be safe and happy in eternity. Nothing else—NOTHING ELSE—is so important as this!

A million years from today your soul, the real you, will be out there in eternity, still knowing, still feeling, still thinking and still remembering, just as it does today. Where?

How needful it is that at the earliest moment you turn to Jesus the Saviour for forgiveness of sins so that your soul will be ready for that last heartbeat here.

REAL MEN: NOT FOR SALE!

The great want of this age is men;
Men who are not for sale;
Men who will condemn wrong in a friend or foe—in themselves as well as others;
Men whose consciences are as steady as the needle to the pole;
Men who will stand for the right though the heavens totter and the earth reels;
Men who can tell the truth and look the world right in the eye;
Men who neither brag nor run;
Men who neither flag nor flinch;
Men who can have courage without shouting it;
Men in whom the hope of everlasting life still runs deep and strong;
Men who know their message and tell it;
Men who know their business and attend to it;
Men who are not too lazy to work, nor too proud to be poor;
Men who are willing to eat what they have earned and to wear what they have paid for;
Men who are not ashamed to say "NO" with emphasis.

—Capitol Voice

A Character Quiz

1. If you found a pocketbook with \$1,000, would you give it to the owner if no one would ever know you found it?

2. If you could advance yourself by unfair methods, would you do it if no one would ever find out you were unfair?

3. If the bus driver failed to collect your fare, would you voluntarily pay it?

4. If there were no locks on any house, store or bank, would you take anything if no one would ever find out?

5. If your business partner died, would you pay his relatives their fair share, if you did not have to pay them?

6. If you were an employer trying to hire an efficient, honest and competent employee, would you hire yourself at your salary?

7. If you are an employer, would you like to be working for yourself with the wages, hours and working conditions you provide?

8. If you are a parent, would you like to be the child of a parent just like you are?

9. If you had your choice, would you like to live in a community with people working in church, civic and community affairs just like you do?

10. If you had to live with someone just like you are for the rest of your life, would you look forward to it as a wonderful opportunity and privilege?

—Herbert V. Prochnow In Speaker's Book of Illustrations.



"When can I start shopping?"

Miscellaneous.

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TESTIMONY OF DR. MONROE "MONK" PARKER

Dr. Monroe Parker was one of the foremost fundamentalist preachers in America. He was often called "The Dean of American Evangelists." He served as president of Pillsbury College, and his sermons were often printed in the *Sword of the Lord*. Here is a portion of his testimony:

I joined the Baptist church in Edgewood, Texas, when I was eight years old, but I was not converted. I knew many of the truths of the Bible. I knew about Jesus, His wonderful life, teachings, and miracles, His crucifixion and His resurrection, and I gave intellectual assent to all of the Christian teachings. But I was a sinner and knew it. When my brother Lew joined the church, I also wanted to join; so I followed him down the aisle.

A well-meaning deacon sat down by my side and asked if I came by "profession of faith." To me, an eight-year-old boy, that word "profession" had something to do with being a doctor or a dentist or a schoolteacher perhaps; so I asked him, "What, sir?"

He asked, "Do you want to be baptized?" But he failed to lead me to Jesus Christ. Since I knew that baptism was in the office when I joined the church, I answered, "Yes, sir."

The deacon said, "Pastor, Monroe Parker comes by profession of faith." Another well-meaning deacon said, "I make a motion we receive him." Another seconded the motion. The pastor said, "All in favor, let it be known by saying, 'Aye.' Any opposed, let it be known by saying, 'Nay.'" There were no nays.

That afternoon I was baptized with several others in Edgewood Lake. For eleven years I was an unsaved church member.

I catalogued all my sins and resolved to quit them, and I kept my resolutions very well, but I was not saved. I knew it.¹

In the years since that day, *I have concluded that if we could get half the church members saved, we would see a great revival. In fact, I think if we could get half the preachers in America converted, we would see a mighty revival.*²