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Recount Your Blessings

And, behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth: and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof. Joshua 23:14

As Joshua led the children of Israel into the promised land it seemed that God had given them an impossible assignment -- to conquer a foreign and hostile land with fortified cities and armies greater than their own. They had to go forth only on the basis of God's promise. They had to walk by faith and not by sight! How did Joshua lead them to walk by faith? He reminded them that God has never failed them. And he encouraged them to them focus on the promises of God! You too can rely on God's faithfulness today! Are you in the midst of a crisis? Are high mountains facing you today? If so, we want to remind you of all the miraculous ways God has worked in your life in the past! Though we often forget our promises to Him, He will never forget His promises to us! Let's spend the day recounting God's victories and determine to exercise faith for the trials we face today!

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Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) Hebrews 10:23

The Valley

Are you going through a valley right now? I loved the words to this little tract. I want to share it with you.

The Valley

I have been through the valley of weeping,

The valley of sorrow and pain;

But the "God of all comfort" was with me,

At hand to uphold and sustain.

As the earth needs the clouds and the sunshine,

Our souls need both sorrow and joy;

So He places us oft in the furnace,

The dross from the gold to destroy.

When He leads through some valley of trouble,

His powerful hand we can trace;

For the trials and sorrows He sends us

Are part of His lessons of grace.

Oft we shrink from the purging and pruning,

Forgetting the Vinekeeper knows

The deeper the cutting and paring,

The richer the cluster that grows.

Well He knows that affliction is needed;

He has a wise purpose in view,

And in the dark valley He whispers,

"Hereafter you'll know what I do."

As we travel through life's shadowed valley,

Fresh springs of His love ever rise;

And we learn that our sorrows and losses

Are blessings just sent in disguise.

So we'll follow wherever He leadeth,

Though pathways be dreary or bright;

For we've proof that our God can give comfort,

Our God can give songs in the night.

-Author Unknown

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CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



Cousin Leroy

Leroy looked at Bubba and said... "Music just aint the same as it was back in our day." To which Bubba replied "Yep, I miss those old hits." "Yeah" Leroy said... "Songs like..."

- * Her Teeth Were Stained, But Her Heart Was Pure
 - * I Liked You Better Before I Knew You So Well
 - * If My Nose Were Full of money, I'd Blow It All On You
 - * If The Phone Don't Ring, You'll Know It's Me
 - * How Can I Miss You If You Won't Go Away?
 - * You're The Reason Our Kids Are So Ugly
 - * If You Don't Leave Me Alone, I'll Go And Find Someone Else Who Will
 - * I'm So Miserable Without You, It's Like Having You Here
 - * If You Leave Me, Can I Come Too?
 - * Mama Get The Hammer (There's A Fly On Papa's Head)
 - * You Done Tore Out My Heart And Stomped Er Flat
 - * I Fell In A Pile Of You And Got Love All Over Me"
- "Yep, those were the days" replied Bubba with a tear in his eye.

WRONG E-MAIL ADDRESS

A Minneapolis couple decided to go to Florida to thaw out during a particularly icy winter. They planned to stay at the same hotel where they spent their honeymoon 20 years earlier.

Because of hectic schedules, it was difficult to coordinate their travel schedules. So, the husband left Minnesota and flew to Florida on Thursday, with his wife flying down the following day.

The husband checked into the hotel. There was a computer in his room, so he decided to send an email to his wife. However, he accidentally left out one letter in her email address, and without realizing his error, sent the e-mail.

Meanwhile, somewhere in Houston, a widow had just returned home from her husband's funeral. He was a minister who was called home to glory following a heart attack.

The widow decided to check her e-mail expecting messages from relatives and friends. After reading the first message, she screamed and fainted.

The widow's son rushed into the room, found his mother on the floor, and saw the computer screen which read:

To: My Loving Wife

Subject: I've Arrived

Date: January 19, 2017

I know you're surprised to hear from me. They have computers here now and you are allowed to send emails to your loved ones. I've just arrived and have been checked in.

I've seen that everything has been prepared for your arrival tomorrow. Looking forward to seeing you then! Hope your journey is as uneventful as mine was.

P. S. Sure is hot down here!!!

One elderly gentlemen to another..."I love being over 70. I learn something new every day and forget five others."



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From the Pastor's Desk

Pastor Billy R. Douglas

The Land Is Not Able To Bear All His Words

Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, Amos hath conspired against thee in the midst of the house of Israel: the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos saith, Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of their own land. Also Amaziah said unto Amos, O thou seer, go, flee thee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and prophesy there: But prophesy not again any more at Bethel: for it is the king's chapel, and it is the king's court. Amos 7:10-13

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it. In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst. Amos 8:11-13

I want to share with you a little more this month on the subject that we spoke about in our last article. In chapter 8 of the book of Amos we see where the LORD warns of a famine that was coming...not one of bread or water BUT one far more devastating than that...a famine for the hearing of the Word of God! We find in the 7th chapter of Amos the reason for this famine...it was due to the people and the leaders rejection of the Word of God. Someone once said "You may get what you want but what you get may not be what you want!" That's exactly what was happening here...the people had rejected Gods Word and that is exactly what they were going to get....NO WORD! And like we said last month where there is no Word there is no light, where there is no Word there are no morals...no conviction...NO TRUTH! Notice what Amaziah told the king when he sent his message regarding the prophet "the land is not able to bear all his words". What he was really saying was that the land was not able to bear the words of the LORD...because that which Amos was speaking to them was not his own words but Gods! Why couldn't they bear the words? Because that which the prophet was speaking to them was not smooth, soothing words but words of judgment. Judgment on a people and a king that had rejected God and rejected Gods Word! No doubt had the Word that the prophet spoke been one of encouragement or words enticing to the ears the people would have gladly accepted them. But because it wasn't what they wanted to hear they chose to reject what thus saith the LORD. It is no different in the society that we live in today...we see mega churches overflowing and false teachers and preachers prospering because the word that they teach or preach is one that the flesh loves to hear. Don't get me wrong the Word of God does encourage, strengthen and console BUT it also rebukes, reproves and instructs and a nation...a people...THE CHURCH must receive the entirety of the Word of God and not just that which tickles their ears! We have just spent 4 Sundays preaching on this subject and after 4 sermons I still feel as though I have not even scratched the surface as to the importance of the Word of God. Like the Widow woman who the LORD sent the prophet Elijah to who was down to scraping the bottom of her meal barrel and cruse of oil yet when she heard and obeyed the Word of the LORD the Bible says that her meal barrel did not waste nor her cruse of oil fail AND that her, her house and the prophet did eat many days! God's WORD will sustain you in the same way. I have known some dark days in my life but I have always found light when I turned to Gods Word! There have been times when no words that anyone had to offer would comfort me YET I have found comfort in His Word! The Word of God will be our compass...our light...our bread...our water!! It will sustain us during the troubled times that lay ahead. It is God's letter to YOU! From Genesis to Revelation it reveals to us Gods promises...His provisions...His plan...HIMSELF! Jesus spoke to the religious crowd and said in John 5:39 "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." The Bible reveals to us Jesus Christ and His finished work and there is nothing more important than that. The enemy knows how important the Word of God is...that is why he has tried so hard to attack it, twist it and stop it! He knows that if he can attack the Word he can attack your faith...he knows that your best defense from being deceived is to know the Word of God for yourself and that's why he fights as hard as he does to stop it, to twist it, and to keep you away from it! In closing let me encourage you to first of all if you do not have one get a King James Version Bible...read it...feed upon it...study it. The Word of God will give you strength for the journey...light for your path and direction for your life. I want to leave you with the same instruction that Paul wrote to Timothy...2 Timothy 2:15 "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." The Word of God will never waste it will never fail it is forever settled in Heaven and it will never change! Until next time God bless you.



“The Old Paths” part 02

By Evangelist Mike Heltsley

Jeremiah 6:16 - Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.

The old paths involve salvation through the blood of Christ. Hebrews 9:22 - And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. The old paths involve the scriptures and its work in the life of a believer. 2nd Timothy 3:16-17 - All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. Our Bible is still the inspired book. Our Bible is still the inerrant book. Our Bible is still the infallible book. Our Bible is still the inflexible book. Our Bible is still the invaluable Book. It still brings conviction. It still brings conversions. It still brings correction. It still brings cleansing. It still brings comfort. It still brings conquering. The old paths involve a love for church. Hebrews 10:25 - Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. The old paths involve the reality of heaven and hell. It also includes the value of the human soul, the soon return of the Lord Jesus and the holiness of God. If you minus any of these, then you are not on the old path. Regardless of which signs the world changes, it does not change the road! The Word of God is still settled in Heaven. We still know the “old paths.” There is no question about what way is the right way. And, God’s requirement has not changed: ask for the old paths and walk therein! II. THE RENDERING OF THE OLD PATHS IN OUR PREACHING I will be quoting an older preacher and his message: “I Like The Old Paths” The Old paths are when Women wore the jewelry; Men wore the pants; Harlots wore the paint and children wore the stripes. The Old paths are when Women looked like ladies; Men looked like gentlemen, and children looked decent. The Old paths are when People loved the truth and hated a lie; they would follow the Pastor and ignore the world; they came to get IN and not to get OUT! The Old paths are when Cursing was wicked; Drinking was evil; Divorce was unbelievable; the Flag was honored; America was beautiful and God was welcomed. The Old paths are when we READ the Bible in public, prayed in school and preached on the courthouse steps! The Old Paths are when Laws were based on the BIBLE; HOMES read the Bible and churches taught the BIBLE!! The Old Paths are when preachers were more interested in NEW CONVERTS than new clothes and new cars!! Churches wanted to reach every creature with the GOSPEL more than new buildings and paved parking lots and prayed and wept over the lost in their community. The Old Paths are when God was worshipped. Christ was exalted and the Holy Ghost was followed!! The Old Paths are when the Bible was believed and not corrected; Sinners got Saved, Converts were CONVERTED and the Gospel was preached and not SHARED. THOSE WERE THE DAYS WHEN: We would go witnessing with tears; prayed a lot and talked little on the phone; spent more time with the Bible than the TV. We would weep about lost souls, enjoy going to CHURCH more than anything. We had testimony and song services. We would really try to do something for God; we would say AMEN to the truth, and got to the ALTAR to repent of sin. We would bring folks to Church; take Pastor home for Sunday dinner; give tithes and offering gladly. We would seek the WILL OF GOD in everything and stand against sin anytime and anywhere!! THAT WAS THE OLD PATHS!!! III. THE RESPONSE NEED TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE OLD PATHS. We are told to do three activities in response to the requirement for the old paths. A. We are told to stand. Among the Hebrew definitions for word “stand” is this definition. It is to stand your ground. Since the old paths are the ones that our heroes of the faith, we can see how they stood in the Old Paths. David stood in the Old Paths when he was standing against the giant, Goliath. Do you recall what he said in that day? 1st Samuel 17:26 - And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God? 45-47 - Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. 46 This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. 47 And all this assembly shall know that the Lord saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hands.



Reclaim Surrendered Ground NOW

Pastor Steven Huston

Today, people have little recognition between right and wrong—even in the church. Most people have no desire to know right or wrong—especially in the church. We are called to live holy—a life set apart for our Lord’s use—but too many desire to live for their own use. Unwittingly, we have surrendered ground to Satan. God sets the rules; He sets the boundaries; He declares right from wrong. The Bible tells us who God is and what He demands; yet many want salvation on their own terms. Many want to God to look like a figment of their own imagination instead of the God of the Bible. Wake up! It’s time to reclaim surrendered ground! When so many things which are anti-Christ have infected the world and so much of the world has infected the church, is it any wonder that people don’t want to hear the truth or don’t check out the Word of God for themselves. If we are Christians, the Bible is supposed to be authoritative. Yet, people check with their feelings, they check with their friends, they check with their traditions, desires, and a whole host of other things...yet neglect to hear what God actually says about a matter. How unwise is that? Even when others have come out of dangerous practices (like forms of witchcraft that we idly and unknowingly play with), warning Christians that these things are of the devil, many Christians refuse to give up their self-desire and pay attention to those who have been freed from the devil’s grasp. How unwise is that? Too often they say, "Well this is harmless as far as I'm concerned." Excuse me? What does God say about that thing? After all, it doesn't really matter what you or I or anyone else says about it. God is the Judge, He is the One who knows what is best for us and what is dangerous for us. I'm tired of Christians attacking those who present Biblical truth, doing so without a shred of Biblical backup. Or, when their Biblical "justification" is taken out of context and misused/misapplied. How unwise is that? Who is God...the Creator or oneself? Instead of using poor logic, why not just honestly say, "My god is my belly (fleshly desire of any kind) and I'm an enemy of the cross." (Phil. 3:18-19) I don't mean to sound harsh; but if one doesn't want to obey from love or reverence of their Creator...then don't...but He said, "If you love me keep my commands..." (1 John 5:2). To walk in willful ignorance or willful blindness without self-examination BY THE WORD OF GOD...How unwise is that? So many who claim the name of Christ today don't want to obey and they don't desire the things that God exhorts us to do. Instead of delights, they look at means of grace as a duty, and a duty to be abhorred at that. David DELIGHTED in the law of God. The epistles are full of warning about disobedience. Yet people only read or pick out the pieces of Scripture that make them feel good. How unwise is that? No matter how well intended the warning is or how loving the intention is from the one who gives it, there will be many who throw stones, name call, accuse, and refuse to even look to see if there is any truth or substance to what is being said. In pride, they look to themselves as the end all authority instead of looking to the WHOLE of Scripture. It is sad. How unwise is that? America and the "church" of America have lost the fear of God and have lost a desire to please their Saviour. How sad is that? "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction" (Proverbs 1:7). Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil (Proverbs 3:5-7). This is wisdom; this is trust and faith in the LORD. This is what we are called to, from yoga to entertainments; from relationships to spirit guides, from what we do on the Lord's Day to the speech we use, from Halloween to Christmas...You name it...we ought to be checking it out by the Word of God. If we refuse to do so simple a thing...how unwise is that? When we have surrendered ground—even unknowingly—we may be blocking the power of the Holy Spirit in our life. Are we so full of pride in ourselves, our traditions, or our way of thinking that we can't even try to objectively look at ourselves to see if there by any wicked way in us? May we—with David—plead with God, " Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (Psalms 139:23-24). Friends, don't give the devil an inch! Ask and see if there's any ground you've surrendered even unknowingly. If so, today is the day to reclaim surrendered ground in your life and then surrender that ground to the Lord Jesus Christ, for His guarding and keeping. We must not give the devil a foothold anywhere in our life...for the sake of our family or our own soul. Keep pressing on; keep taking and retaking ground—do it all for the glory of God!

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Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:13-14



REESIE'S RECIPES

Cheese Burger Soup

- 1/2 pound ground beef
- 4 tablespoons butter, divided
- 3/4 cup chopped onion
- 3/4 cup shredded carrots
- 3/4 cup diced celery
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes
- 1-3/4 pounds (about 4 cups) cubed peeled potatoes
- 3 cups chicken broth
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 package (16 ounces) Velveeta process cheese, cubed
- 1-1/2 cups whole milk
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 cup sour cream

In a large saucepan over medium heat, cook and crumble beef until no longer pink; drain and set aside. In same saucepan, melt 1 tablespoon butter over medium heat. Saute onion, carrots, celery, basil and parsley until tender, about 10 minutes. Add potatoes, beef and broth; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, covered, until potatoes are tender, 10-12 minutes. Meanwhile, in a small skillet, melt remaining butter. Add flour; cook and stir until bubbly, 3-5 minutes. Add to soup; bring to a boil. Cook and stir 2 minutes. Reduce heat to low. Stir in cheese, milk, salt and pepper; cook until cheese melts. Remove from heat; blend in sour cream.

Salmon Patties

- 1 can (14.75 ounce) salmon, drained
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1/2 cup Panko dry bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1/4 cup mayonaise
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 tablespoons butter

Combine all ingredients together and shape into patties. Brown in skillet in a little oil; about 6 minutes on each side.

Cinnamon Roll Monkey Bread

- 2 cans of your favorite cinnamon rolls
- 1/4 c sugar & 1 tsp. cinnamon, combined
- 1/4 c softened butter
- 1/4 c brown sugar

Grease a bundt pan. Unroll the cinnamon rolls. Cut each cinnamon roll into fourths. Put one roll of cinnamon rolls into the pan and sprinkle with cinnamon sugar. Add in the rest of the rolls and repeat cinnamon sugar mixture. Melt stick of butter and add in the brown sugar. Dump it over the unbaked dough. Try and spread it around evenly. Bake at 400 for 14-16 minutes. You want it to be set, but not too crispy. Remove from the oven and let cool for 5 minutes. Take the two icing containers and empty them into one small bowl. Stir the icings together and spread over the monkey bread.

Cabbage Roll Casserole

- 2 pounds ground beef
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 cans (15 ounces each) tomato sauce, divided
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon dill weed
- 1/2 teaspoon rubbed sage
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 2 cups cooked rice
- 4 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled
- 1 medium head cabbage (2 pounds), shredded
- 1 cup shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese
- Coarsely ground pepper, optional

Preheat oven to 375°. In a large skillet, cook beef and onion over medium heat, crumbling beef, until meat is no longer pink. Add garlic; cook 1 minute longer. Drain. Stir in one can of tomato sauce and next six ingredients. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, covered, 5 minutes. Stir in rice and bacon; remove from heat. Layer a third of the cabbage in a greased 13x9-in. baking dish. Top with half of the meat mixture. Repeat layers; top with remaining cabbage. Pour remaining tomato sauce over top. Cover and bake 45 minutes. Uncover; sprinkle with cheese. Bake until cheese is melted, about 10 minutes. Let stand 5 minutes before serving. If desired, sprinkle with coarsely ground pepper.



Voice of the LORD World-wide Radio

The world's condition:

Amos 8:11-13, 11 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord: 12 And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it. 13 In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst.

The world's hope:

Romans 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

The world's job:

1 Timothy 2:4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

The Church's condition:

Revelation 3:14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; 15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. 16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. 17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

The Church's hope:

Revelation 2:4-5 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. 5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen, and repent, and do the first works. But if not, I am coming to you, and I will remove your lampstand out of its place, unless you should repent.

The Church's job:

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature

Sister Carry Ragsdale

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Pastor Douglas: We sure do enjoy the preaching and singing here in Shenyang, Province China. I have passed on your station VOTL to several Chinese Christians. They have never heard this type of Christian Music. Thank you so much for your messages.. we love the Lord Jesus Christ and you are feeding us. Thank you and God Bless you; your Family and Staff. R. Miller, China

Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest. Luke 10:2



Take Away The Filthy Garments

Pastor Mike Muzzerall

“And He answered and spoke unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.” Zechariah 3:4

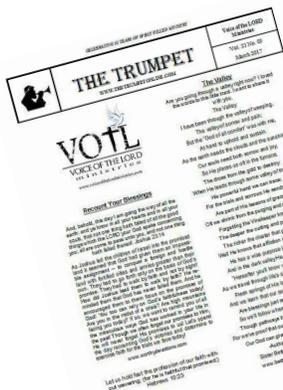
One of the greatest examples of justification in the Old Testament is found in Zechariah, Chapter 3. Let me set the scene: the prophet Zechariah had a vision of a divine court room. Joshua, the high priest (not to be confused with Joshua who led Israel into the promised land), stood as the accused. Satan stood as the prosecutor. Both stood before the angel of the Lord. The evidence was self-evident as Joshua stood clothed in “filthy garments.” Whereas the verdict should clearly have been guilty as charged, the command given was, “Take away the filthy garments.” **JOSHUA THE HIGH PRIEST** The high priest wore a “bonnet” with “holiness unto the Lord” inscribed on the front. In contradiction, Joshua stood before God dressed in filthy garments. The garment represented his spiritual condition. And yet, it went further than that. As the high priest, Joshua also represented the people he ministered to, on their behalf. Therefore, his garment also represented the sinful condition of Judah that warranted the Babylonian captivity in the first place. **GUILTY AS CHARGED** Joshua could not defend himself. Judah also had no defense. They were guilty as charged. It is interesting that Satan, who was present before the throne of God, was not given the opportunity to accuse Joshua. In reality, his words were not necessary. Joshua stood wearing the exact evidence necessary to prove his guilt. Joshua as well as Judah was incapable of dealing with the effect of sin. Man cannot wash away the filth of sin. Joshua stood guilty as charged. **THE LORD REBUKE THEE** The decision of the court was one I’m sure both Joshua, the accused; and Satan, the silent accuser, did not expect. Seated as the Judge was the Angel of the Lord, who is actually the second person of the Trinity, Jesus Christ. “And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment. And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?” (Zec 3:2). This was no ordinary angel. Only Jesus could say, “I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee.” Only Jesus could say, “I will clothe thee with change of raiment.” **JUSTIFICATION** The doctrine of justification by faith is foundational to the Christian life and yet so often ignored and misunderstood. Justification does not disregard the true condition of man. “For all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). Justification by faith realizes that although clearly guilty of sin, we are declared righteous by the heavenly Judge through placing our faith in the atoning work of Christ at Calvary. **UNWORTHY, YET DECLARED RIGHTEOUS** The commonly used definition of grace is “unmerited favor.” The basis of the Message of the Cross is that unworthy man can be acceptable to God through what Jesus Christ accomplished through His atoning sacrifice at Calvary. Unless we can admit we are dressed in “filthy garments,” how can we truly repent and have God remove our filthy garments? On Thursday, July 7, 1977, I cried out to God for mercy and grace. That day, God said, “Take away the filthy garments...behold I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.” As in the example of Joshua I was likewise justified. Justification by faith! Dear friend, has God said of you, “Take away the filthy garment?”

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A Word for TODAY!



By Sister Michelle Deuling

Verse for Today: John 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

Additional passages for Today: John 14:21-24; John 15:10; Romans 13:10

Thought for Today: To obey shows love.

Story for Today: MariAnn Bruce knelt beside the flat tire looking so forlorn that one might have thought she had just missed the most important meeting of her lifetime. In actuality, she hadn't missed anything. However, she did have a problem. MariAnn had promised her parents that she would return straightway from the church meeting and she hadn't. She had stayed after to talk with friends and even followed them to the party store for an ice cream treat. Now here she was stranded along the highway with a flat tire and darkness enveloping her. As she made her way around to the back of the car she offered up a quick prayer for help and safety. She did feel a little guilty as she thought about the evening. Her parents were really quite reasonable and she hadn't shown them the respect they deserved. She shrugged off the guilt as she rummaged through the trunk for the jack and spare tire. MariAnn had never before changed a tire nor had she ever had any car trouble. An approaching truck caught her attention and relief and apprehension filled her at the same time. As the truck stopped behind her car the headlights blinded her so that she couldn't see the person exiting until a gruff voice spoke out almost at her elbow. Keeping herself from screaming out in terror, MariAnn turned to face the man. She quietly asked him if he knew how to change a tire. The man nodded as he leered at her stepping closer. MariAnn realized how much danger she could be in and that it was all her own fault. She also remembered that she was not where she should be in her relationship with Christ. She recognized that while she had offered up her quick prayer, she really should have repented and sought forgiveness as soon as she had felt the guilt of her conscience. Grateful that God can hear anytime and anywhere, MariAnn took the moment to take care of things. Relief washed over her and she was so thankful that God was always there. Her situation was still not good; but, she now had peace. As the man took the tire out of the trunk telling her this would be costing her, headlights beamed in front of her as a car approached from the front. This time as she shielded her eyes from the lights she recognized her Dad. Relief washed over her as she praised God for providing and helping! MariAnn learned quite a few things that night. She learned that her parents had become concerned when she hadn't arrived home and had gone out to find her. She also learned that she had picked up a nail at the party store. She learned that the man that stopped to help was not to a good man and it was good that her Dad had shown up. But, most importantly, she learned that disobedience doesn't show love and that lack of repentance puts up a barrier between us and God.

Question for today: Do you have unconfessed sin in your life? Do you show God that you love Him by obeying Him, or do you demonstrate that you love yourself as you obey your own desires? Do you repent of sin by acknowledging the thing that is sin, recognizing it is wrong, sorrowing over what you have done and never doing it again after seeking forgiveness?

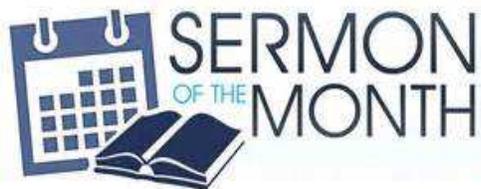
Anytime is a good time to repent. Allowing God to lead your life is the best choice anyone can make. God sees the big picture; the before time to after time is no more. Show you love Him by following His commands!

Song for Today: I Will Serve Thee

Search your heart to see if there is anything that is keeping you from loving God. Don't wait until it is too late.

Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Romans 13:10



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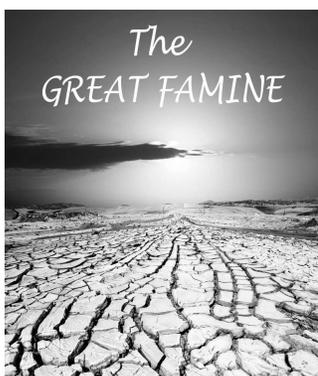
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