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"Let us choose the *Old Paths* once again for the Light to shine upon the faces of men."

THE IRON PEN Who's Sailing Your Ship? By Dr. Frank J. Townsend III



Sunday, May 31st, 2020, SERMON. The Outline is below:

ROMANS 7:18 "For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but *how* to perform that which is good I find not."

II TIMOTHY 2:26 "And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will."

ROMANS 8:14 "For as many are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

be not.... **EPHESIANS 5:18** "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;"
What spirit is controlling you?

grieve not.... **EPHESIANS 4:30** "And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."

II CORINTHIANS 4:1 "Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;"

I THESSALONIANS 4:1-4.

II TIMOTHY 2: 1-26. Great house.

HEBREWS 9:21. (Sprinkled with blood).

ST. MATTHEW 5:6. ROMANS 12:1
EPH. 1:13. ...ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise.,"
I PETER 1:15-16. II PETER 3:11.
JUDE 1:25 — Praying in the Holy Ghost....

Do you want to be filled? **GALATIANS 5:16....**
All Scripture is taken from the King James Bible.

AMERICA'S GOD and COUNTRY

RUFUS KING (1755-1827), one of the signers of the Constitution of the United States, was a member of the Continental Congress, a diplomat, a lawyer, a minister to England, and a U.S Senator from New York. He also served as an aide to General Sullivan during the Revolutionary War. Rufus King, a 32 year-old graduate of Harvard, was one of the youngest delegates at the Constitutional Convention. In a speech made before the Senate at the time Missouri was petitioning for statehood, Rufus King stated: "*I hold that all laws or compacts imposing any such condition (as involuntary servitude) upon any human being are absolutely void because contrary to the law of nature, which is the law of God.*"

JEDEDIAH MORSE (1761-1826) was a pioneer American educator and geographer, and was called the "Father of American Geography." He was also the father of Samuel F. B. Morse, inventor of the telegraph and the Morse Code. Having taught in the New Haven schools for several years, Jedediah Morse compiled his notes and published them in his highly successful work in 1784, entitled *Geography Made Easy*.

Setting a standard for American Geography, he authored other books, including: *The American Geography*, 1789; *Elements of Geography*, 1795; *The American Gazetteer*, 1797; *A New Gazetteer of the Eastern Continent*, 1802, and more. In 1799, Jedediah Morse stated: "*To the kindly influence of Christianity we owe that degree of civil freedom, and political and social happiness which mankind now enjoys. In proportion as the genuine effects of Christianity are diminished in any nation, either through unbelief, or the corruption of its doctrines, or the neglect of its institutions; in the same proportion will the people of that nation receded from the blessings of genuine freedom, and approximate the miseries of complete despotism.*"

All efforts to destroy the foundations of our holy religion, ultimately tend to the subversion also of our political freedom and happiness. Whenever the pillars of Christianity shall be overthrown, our present republican forms of government, and all the blessings which flow from them, must fall with them."

Did you know on March 3, 1865, the Congress of the United States of America approved the Treasury Secretary Salmon Portland Chase's instruction to the U.S. mint to prepare a "device" to inscribe U.S. coins with the motto: **In God We Trust?**

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OUR HOPE
While walking in this wicked world,
Surrounded by God's love —
We have the power by His grace
To seek those things above!
Tho satan's darts at us are hurled
In this great attack:
The Christian does not fret my friend,
For Christ is coming back!
—Frank J. Townsend III

I CORINTHIANS 15:10.

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Initially printed in the April 2001 issue of the Old Paths Publication, now it's printed once again below.

Indeed if his Biblical name should have any significance to America it might be said that Noah's books were an ark in which the American Christian spirit rode the deluge of rising anti-Christian and anti-republican waters which threatened so often to inundate the nation. The first such came during the 1790's when apostles of the French Revolution, at home and abroad, imported a subversive doctrine to these shores.

In a series of historical and political articles published in his *American Minerva Magazine*, Noah Webster endeavored to educate the American public to the dangers inherent in Jacobinism: "I consider as a matter of infinite consequence the cautious admission of foreigners to the rights of citizenship. Numbers of them who have within the past year arrived and settled in the city come with violent prejudices against arbitrary government, and they seem to make no great distinction between arbitrary government, and a government of laws founded on free elections.

Many of them are warm democrats: and the Emigration Society here is headed by Democrats of our own — in short the opposers of our government are literally wriggling themselves into all sorts of company to carry their points. One main article of their policy is to attach foreigners to their principles the moment of their landing. If that system of creating a popular interest extraneous from the legislature to influence their proceedings — that system of raising a multitude of isolated private clubs over the nation as its guardian — should spread through the country, we may bid adieu to our Constitution.

Our safety is in the country people, who more scattered and more independent, are out of the reach of demagogues." An exchange of letters with Joseph Priestley in 1800 takes that eminent British scientist severely to task for living in the United States and deliberately propagating a subversive doctrine:

"Sir, in your second letter, pages 8 and 9, you define democracy with a view to explain away the odious sense annexed to the word Democrat. You call the Constitution of this country a democracy and every man who is not a Democrat, an enemy to this Constitution. But whatever you may call the true meaning of these words, the practice of our country has annexed to them and established a different signification.

By democracy is intended a government where the legislative powers are exercised directly by all the citizens, as formerly in Athens and Rome. In our country this power is not in the hands of the people, but of their representatives.

The powers of the people are principally restricted to the direct exercise of the rights of suffrage. Hence a material distinction between our form of government and those of the ancient democracies.

Our form of government has acquired the appellation of a Republic, by way of distinction, or rather of a representative Republic." Hence the word *Democrat* has been used as synonymous with the word *Jacobin* in France; and by an additional idea, which arose from the attempt to control our government by private popular associations, the word has come to signify a person who attempts an undue opposition to or influence over our government by means of private clubs, secret intrigues, or by public popular meetings which are extraneous to the constitution.

By Republicans, we understand the friends of our Representative Governments, who believe that no influence whatever should be exercised in a state which is not directly authorized by the Constitution and laws. It is significant that many of the founding fathers recognized the relationship between education and the success of the American philosophy of government.

Republican principles under the new Constitution received tremendous support from Noah Webster's *A Federal Catechism*. It was the first introduction of civics into the curriculum appearing in a 1794 edition of *The American Spelling Book*. *A Federal Catechism* contained "a short explanation of the Constitution of the United States of America, and the Principles of Government."

Among those subjects specifically taught was a discussion of the "defects of democracy" and a definition of a "better form of government," namely, that of a "representative republic."

Students learned distinctly that the United States is a "federal representative republic," and that the "states are all governed by constitutions that fall under the name of representatives republics."



POETRY

Written by John Wesley

{28 June 1703—2 March 1791}

He was an English preacher, poet...

To save what was lost,
From Heaven He came;
Come, sinners,
And trust in Jesus' name.

He offers you pardon,
He bids you be free.
If sin be your burden,
O come unto Me!

Then let us submit
His grace to receive,
Fall down at His feet,
And gladly believe;

We all are forgiven
For Jesus' sake;
Our title to Heaven
His merits we take.
—John Wesley

CHARLES WESLEY (the brother to John) is best known for his prolific hymn writing, his poetry, and for being one of the founding fathers of the Methodist denomination. He wrote more than 6,000 hymns, of which a handful remain in modern day worship. He was the son of Anglican clergyman and poet Samuel Wesley.

"Never dream of forcing men into the ways of God. Think yourself, and let think. Use not constraint in matters of religion. Even those who are farthest out of the way never compel to come in by and other means than reason, truth, and love."

"Do all the good you can, "Unless God has raised you up for this very thing, you will be worn out by the opposition of men and devils. "What one generation tolerates, the next generation will embrace." Light yourself on fire with passion and people will come from miles to watch you burn."

"One who always prays is ever giving praise, whether in ease or pain, both for prosperity and for the greatest adversity."

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
(Hymn —1779)

**O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise.
The glories of my God and King,
The triumph of His grace!**

**My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honours of thy name.**

**Jesus! The name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
Tis music in the sinner's ears,
Tis life, and health, and peace.
—Charles Wesley**

WOMEN IN THE HARVEST

The *WOMEN IN THE HARVEST* publication began back in October of 1998. I founded this publication, hoping to be a blessing and encouragement to women in the harvest. —*Sis. Linda.*

As Christian women, we need to be who God wants us to be, to be remembered as women who loved the Lord and tasted of the fruit at harvest time. **“That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;” COL.1:10.**

I liken harvest time as a time of reward, seeing the fruit of our labour. **“For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.” PSALM 128: 2.**

Wives shall be as a fruitful vine. What a bountiful blessing! **“Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table.” PSALM 128:3.**

“Every Christian has his harvest....But if you should not live to see it on earth, remember you are only accountable for your labour and not your success. Sow still, toil on!” —*C. H. Spurgeon.*



PEN OF A READY WRITER

By *Mrs. Linda K. Townsend*

Just a Sentence or Two

My hospital experience was like no other. The entire staff at Lexington Medical Center were so nice to me, bar none. They were tremendous!

There are a couple of staff members who stood out without a doubt. I actually felt honored that the nurse who gave me my discharge papers also personally wheeled me downstairs to where my family was waiting for me.

Let me back up a little, during the course of our conversation one of her sentences really blessed my soul. The nurse said, *“I will pray for you.”*

Another young woman was a blessing in her own right. She wheeled me downstairs for tests. On our way we heard over the loud speaker that a patient was coding, in distress. I mentioned to her that I had just prayed for whoever it was. She said, *“I did too.”* After that, we both heard sirens. She said, *“Every time I hear an ambulance I pray, and so do my parents.”* (My family and I do that also).

Folks, just one or two sentences can make a big difference to uplift someone else. It's those type of remarks that can stand out to you when you need them the most. Little words mean a lot!

To be a beacon in this dark world shines the Light on His word. Our sensitivity towards others shows them the kindness they need as they walk through life. What might not mean much to them at the time, might mean the world to us. (And visa versa).

These women put into practice the compassion and love they have for their patients. As tired as they were, they performed their jobs effortlessly without murmuring or complaints. Surprisingly, they don't even know the impact they had upon me that day.

One or two sentences stick out like no other; they might be said by a friend or a brother.

It helps us to know that people are out there, sharing and showing they really do care. —*Sis. Linda.*

I PETER 3:8 “Finally, be ye of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous.”

DELIGHT IN THE SCRIPTURES

By *Sushannah (Jasmine) Townsend*



RUN SAMSON RUN

In the Bible about 1140 years B.C. there is a story (**JUDGES 16:20-31**) of ancient history about a man named Samson who was as strong as he could be till he met a woman named Delilah. She knew how to deceive Samson.

The name Delilah means: *languishing, lustful, delicate, and dainty one.*

In the BOOK of PROVERBS, we find warnings about this type of woman. Ultimately, Delilah flattered Samson with her lips. Samson was in love with her, but little did he know that she would one day lead him into sin. Not only did Delilah entice men, but she was paid by the Philistines to entice this specific man (Samson) for 1,100 pieces of silver. (**JUDGES 16:5**).

The Philistines connived with Delilah to form a plan to see where Samson got his mighty strength. On four different occasions, she begged Samson to confess the secret of his strength, but none of them worked. Delilah played on Samson's honesty and character. She cast doubt of his love for her, and Samson, instead of running, gave into her.

Delilah's persistence paid off! Samson finally told her that no one has ever cut his hair because that was where his strength lieth. While he slept at Delilah's knee, she called for a man to come and cut off the seven locks of his head. When Samson woke up from his sleep, he went out and shook off what had happened to him.

The Philistines took Samson, plucked out his eyes, put him in jail, and bound him in fetters of brass. The Philistines rejoiced to their gods that their enemy came into their hands. They made sport of him to thank their gods. In the house where Samson was to be killed there were 3,000 people. Samson prayed to God that he would die with the Philistines, and bowed down. The house fell upon all that were in it including Samson.

Delilah was never mentioned in the Bible again. —*Sis. Jasmine.*

MEGAN'S MUSINGS

By *Megan E. Townsend*



When my mom told me she had an idea for a title for my article, I told her I had been musing about my own title for two days — **LOVE THE LOCAL CHURCH.** My mom stopped walking and looked at me. She told me that she had been thinking about the same title. How great is that?

I love my local church. My family goes there and the people who come are my friends. I love them. It means a lot to me to see them when we are all together. I do miss brother Roger who is out sick. I hope he can come back soon. And I hope my mom feels better.

Guess who else loves the local church? Jesus does. He loves it even more than me. Why? Because it means more to him. Isn't that wonderful? I think so!

Musing some more.... There must be verses in the Bible to go with my musings here. I found them with a little help from my dad. —*Sis. Megan.*

EPHESIANS 5:25 “Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;”

I TIMOTHY 3:15 “But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.”

DIVINE INTERVENTIONS

By *Mrs. Tana Bowen of Georgia*



“God is in the interruptions of my life, and He is seldom in my plans.”
—*Gloria Gather.*

Y'all, the times when things are changing course and not going the way we planned in life can be so frustrating. We can get our focus on the fact that we aren't going the way we planned or we can focus on the fact that God has intervened on our behalf.

God is a fan of free will. He does not want to force anyone to love Him or obey him. If we do it, then it will be because we want to. But there are times when in an answer to prayer or because it is greatly needed in the big picture, that He will interrupt our plans. Instead of complaining or mully grubbing, let's praise God for those interruptions. Let's be thankful for His divine interventions.

Have a wonderful day y'all. —*Sis. Tana.*

Devotional

LINE UPON LINE

Book II

By F. L. Mortimer

DAVID AND THE TWO MESSENGERS

(II Samuel Chapter 18:19 to end; 19:1-4)

David was sitting near the gates of the city in the wilderness. A man stood upon the top of the wall, near the gate, to watch or see if any person was coming into the city. Soon the watchman running and he cried aloud, "I see a man running alone." Then David said, "No doubt he brings some message." Soon afterwards the watchman cried out, "I see another man running alone." Then David said, "He also brings a message."

The first man was a young priest. He ran up to David and cried out, "All is well." He said all was well, because David's men had conquered. Then the priest fell down to the ground upon his face before the king and he thanked God for having let David's men conquer. Then the king said, "Is the young Abraham safe?" The priest knew that Absalom was dead, but he did not like to grieve David by telling this sad news all at once, so he said, "There was a great deal of noise and confusion when Joab sent me here." This young priest loved David so much that he did not like to tell David what the noise was about.

Soon the other man came up to David and he said, "God has punished the wicked people who fought against the king." Then the king said, "Is the young man Absalom safe?" And the messenger answered, "May all the people who fight against the king be as Absalom now is!" The king knew that the man meant Absalom was dead. How unhappy the king was when he heard this! He went into a room that was near the gate and he wept and said, "Oh, my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would God I would have died for you, Oh, Absalom, my son, my son, Absalom!"

The king grieved for his son, and the people felt bad for him because they loved their king. Absalom was cut off in the midst of his wickedness, and the king knew this.

Jonathan, his brother, died while he was young. He was not wicked like his brother. He died and went to heaven. In comparison, O, the grief that the king felt for his son must have broken his heart. As we read the account of the king's love for Absalom and his death, we can feel the loss the king felt towards his son.

Q PRIMING THE PUMP
"Lots of Christians are like the old farmer's pump — pretty good pump except when it was either dried up or froze up." —D. L. Moody.

U SIN MULTIPLIES
"We must either overcome sin, or it will overcome us." —D. L. Moody.

t FAITH
"Now faith is indeed "the open-sesame" to eternal blessedness. Without faith it is impossible to please God; neither can any man be saved apart from faith in the risen Saviour. But the true quality of faith is almost universally missed; mainly its moral quality...it shifts the inward gaze from self to God." —A. W. Tozer.

"The God who by the word of the gospel proclaims men free, by the power of the gospel actually makes them free.

To accept less than this is to know the gospel in word only, without its power." —A. W. Tozer.

CONTENTMENT

"A daily portion is all that a man really wants. We do not need tomorrow's supplies; that day had not yet dawned, and its wants are as yet unborn. The thirst which we may suffer in the month of June does not need to be quenched in February, for we do not feel it yet; if we have enough for each day as the days arrive, we shall never know want." —C.H.S.

"I have learned, in whatever state I am, therewith to be content." PHILIPPIANS 4:11.

"These words show us that contentment is not a natural propensity of man.... Covetousness, discontent, and murmuring are as natural to man as thorns are to the soil. And when our Father does not give us more, we should be content with His daily allowance." C.H.S.

"It's in the heart of man that no matter how much he is given, he usually wants more."

"Real true faith is man's weakness leaning on God's strength." —D. L. Moody.



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"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:..."
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