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

THIRTEEN RESOLUTIONS

to Live By

Age-old wisdom

For this year.

By Jonathan Edwards

Being sensible that I am unable to do anything without God's help, I do humbly entreat Him, by His grace, to enable me to keep these Resolutions, so far as they are agreeable to His will, for Christ's sake.

{I will} remember to read over these Resolutions once a week.

Resolved, That I will do whatsoever I think to be most *important* to the glory of God, in the whole of my duration; without any consideration of the time, whether now, or never so many myriads of ages hence. *Resolved*, to do whatever I think to be my duty, and most for the good and advantage of mankind in general.

Resolved, Never to lose one moment of time, but to improve it in the most profitable way I possibly can.

Resolved, to live with all my might, while I do live.

Resolved, Never to do anything, which I would be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life.

Resolved, Never to do anything out of revenge. *Resolved*, Never to speak evil of any one, so that it shall tend to his dishonour, more or less, upon no account except for some real good.

Resolved, To study the Scriptures so steadily, constantly and frequently, as that I may find, and plainly perceive, myself to grow in the knowledge if the same.

Resolved, Never to count that a prayer, nor to let that pass as a prayer, nor that as a petition of prayer, which is so made, that I cannot hope that God will answer it; nor that a confession which I cannot hope God will accept.

Resolved, to ask myself, at the end of every day, week, month and year, wherein I could possibly, in any respect have done better.

Resolved, Never to give over, nor in the least to slacken, my fight with my corruptions, however unsuccessful I may be.

Resolved, After afflictions, to inquire, what I am the better for them.

Resolved, Always to do that, which I shall wish I had done when I see others do it.

Let there be something of benevolence in all that I speak.

PSALM 100:2 "Serve the Lord with gladness."

Those who serve God with a sad countenance, because they do what is unpleasant to them, are not serving Him at all. — Charles H. Spurgeon.

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Please take a look at our Website. Inside you will find the *Old Paths Publication*. The *Women In The Harvest* is on page 3. We trust you will enjoy this publication.

THE IRON PEN GRACE — ROMANS 6:1-23 By Dr. Frank J. Townsend III



Interestingly the Epistle doesn't challenge us immediately to great service for the Lord. Paul wrote 11 Chapters before he wrote ROMANS 12:1. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

Three chapters in Ephesians tell us what we have in Christ before we come to EPHESIANS 4:1. I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,"

Paul rebuked the Corinthians for the most part of fourteen chapters — he begins by telling them what they have in Christ.

I CORINTHIANS 1:4-9 "I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall also confirm you unto the end, *that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Minding the Word of God — ROMANS 3:21-22; 5:8.

*The riches of His glory in the saints. EPHESIANS 1:18
EPHESIANS 1:6, 12, 14; EPHESIANS 3:10;
EPHESIANS 1:4; 2:7. II THESSALONIANS 2:14;
I JOHN 3:2; ST. JOHN 17:3; COLOSSIANS 2:6-7.*

Is God now commanding us? No He is beseeching us in ROMANS 12:1-2. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service. Verse 2: "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

TITUS 2:11-12

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JOB AND HIS FRIENDS

Introduction (Part I)

Written by C. H. Mackintosh
Taken from Page 348, and following....
The Mackintosh Treasury

THE BOOK OF JOB occupies a very peculiar place in the volume of God. It possesses a character entirely its own, and teaches lessons which are not to be learned in any other section of inspiration. It is not by any means our purpose to enter upon a line of argument to prove the genuineness, or establish the fact of the divine inspiration of this precious book. We take these things for granted: being fully persuaded of them as established facts, we leave the proofs to abler hands.

We receive the book of Job as part of the Holy Scriptures given of God for the profit and blessing of his people. We need no proofs of this for ourselves, nor do we attempt to offer any to our reader. And we may further add that we have no thought of entering upon the field of inquiry as to the authorship of this book. This, howsoever interesting it may be, in itself, is to be used entirely secondary. We receive the book from God. This is enough for us. We heartily own it to be an inspired document, and we do not feel it to be our province to discuss the question as to where, when, or by whom it was penned.

In short, we purpose, with the Lord's help, to offer a few plain and practical remarks on a book which we consider needs to be more closely studied, that it may be more fully understood. May the Eternal Spirit, who indited the book, expound and apply it to our souls!

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JOB AND HIS FRIENDS

{Part II}

The opening page of this remarkable book furnishes us with a view of the patriarch Job, surrounded by every thing that could make the world agreeable to him, and make him of importance in the world.

JOB 1:1-5 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job, and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil." Thus much as *what he was*, let us now see *what he had*.

"And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters. His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household; so that this man was greatest of all the children of the east.

And his sons went and feasted in their houses every one of his day; and sent and called for their three sisters, to eat and to drink with them." Then, to complete the picture, we have the record of *what he did*.

And it was so, then the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all; for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.

Here, then, we have a very rare specimen of a man. He was perfect, upright, God-fearing, and eschewed evil. Moreover, that God had hedged him round about on every side, and strewed his path with richest mercies. He had all that heart could wish, children and wealth in abundance, honor and distinction from all around. In short, we may almost say, his cup of earthly bliss was full. But Job needed to be tested. There was a deep moral root in his heart which had to be laid bare. There was self-righteousness had to be brought to the surface and judged.

The Mackintosh Treasury has more written about Job and his friends. The Book of Job (in the Scriptures) contains 42 Chapters therein.



I Will Sing of My Redeemer

Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876; J. McGranahan, 1840-1907

I will sing of my Redeemer,
And His wondrous love to me;
On the cruel cross He suffered from the curse
To make me free.

I will tell of the wondrous story,
How my lost estate to save.
In His boundless love and mercy,
He the ransom freely gave.

I will praise my dear Redeemer,
His triumphant power I'll tell,
How the victory He giveth
Over sin and death and hell.

I will sing of my Redeemer,
And His heavenly love to me;
He from death to life hath brought me,
Son of God, with Him to be.

Refrain

Sing, oh singof my Redeemer, With his blood.....
He purchased me;...On the cross... He sealed my pardon,
Paid the debt..... and made me free....and made me free.

I AM RESOLVED was written by Palmer Hartsough. He served as the music director in a local Baptist church. His poetic ability attracted the attention of the Fillmore Brothers Publishing Company of Cincinnati, OH. In 1906 he became a Baptist minister.

I am resolved no longer to linger,
Charmed by the world's delight;
Things that are higher, things that are nobler,
These have allured my sight.

Chorus

*I will hasten to Him, Hasten so glad and free.
Jesus greatest, highest, I will come to Thee.*

I am resolved to go to the Saviour,
Leaving my sin and strife;
He is the true one, He is the just one,
He hath the words of life.

I am resolved to follow the Saviour,
Faithful and true each day.
Heed what He sayeth, do what He willeth,
He is the living way.

I am resolved to enter the kingdom,
Leaving the paths of sin;
Friends may oppose me, foes may beset me,
Still will I enter in.

I am resolved, and who will go with me?
Come, friends without delay,
Taught by the Bible, led by the Spirit,
We'll walk the heavenly way.

ST. JOHN 6:68

"Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou has the words of eternal life."



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 the women in the harvest.

Wisdom for Women: “Resolve yourself to service for the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Definition: RESOLVE: Decide firmly on a course of action.

Example: She resolved herself right then and there to obey and serve God.

THE SOJOURNER’S PATHWAY

(Allegory)

By Mrs. Linda K. Townsend

As we travel along the Sojourner’s Pathway from way back when, I thought we’d pay a little visit to their story once again. It is a poetic Allegory.

We are in the month of March already. The Time changes to give us longer daylight to our days. April will bring those rain showers to put life into the garden in the springtime.

Little Faith decided to move his family back to their humble abode, facing gossip and jealousy that seemed to always unfold (Wherever you live).

Much-Weak busied herself packing up their belongings, to head back to the farm, her heart was longing.

It was an uneventful move that didn’t take any time at all. After their arrival, on their friends they did call. Oh, it was joyful to see everyone. It actually was fun!

New month, new beginning. What was God’s purpose and plan? They did not know! But no doubt, it would help them to spiritually grow.

Once again Little-Faith would begin his day at dawn. He stretched his full frame on the lawn. This is the life that he loved. Nearby he saw two turtle doves. You couldn’t beat this kind of life. There was little strife.

Much-Weak woke up early too. She had a lot to do. The time moved past noon. It was at night she saw the moon. Where had the hours slipped away? It was nearing the end of a busy day.

Did the sojourner’s do anything spiritual that day? Did they remember to pray? Of course they both took the time to talk to the Lord. Then scripture framed their day — to move forward.

Until next time I bid, “Adieu”.

GOD LOVES US SO!

*Start the new day with happiness and joy,
Hoping there are God’s blessing to enjoy.
New circumstances bring tears and grief,
Yet we are looking to God for sheer relief.*

*Our Father who art in heaven doth care.
He shelters us in the Storm of Despair.
No need to be fretful or think life is unfair.*

God loves us so! He is always there!

—Linda K. Townsend

July 9, 2014



DELIGHT IN THE SCRIPTURES

By Sushannah “Jasmine” Townsend

I hope each of you are enjoying good health and are striving to be fit. Poor physical health affects us each spiritually. It is hard to concentrate and stay focused when you are in poor health. So let us strive to be healthy! With that said, I want to write it is important to be Spirit-filled and serving the Lord.

I have been delighting in the scriptures each new morning to begin my day right. I don’t want the day to start off on the wrong foot. I do want to please God. I know He loves me and wants me to be a light in this dark world.

Recently I finished the BOOK OF DANIEL which has 12 Chapters. I’ve been trying to extend my reading time to several chapters a day. **DANIEL 4:34 “And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation.”**

I’m in the BOOK OF HOSEA today which has 14 Chapters. **HOSEA 1:1 “The word of the LORD that came unto Hosea, the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.”**



MEGAN’S MUSINGS

By Megan E. Townsend

I’ve been musing about **ISAIAH Chapter 53.**

My dad calls **ISAIAH 53** “the suffering Saviour.” It has twelve verses in it. Jesus suffered more than we realize. Sometimes we need reminded of His agony and pain. His sufferings in Chapter 53 made me muse for a quite a while. How did Jesus endure all that? We certainly haven’t gone through anything like He did.

1. Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?
2. For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.
3. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
4. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.
5. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.
6. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.
7. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.
8. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.
9. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.
10. Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.
11. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.
12. Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.



BAD CHOICE PROBLEMS

By John G. Butler

“And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king which ye shall have chosen you; and the LORD will not hear you in that day.” (I SAMUEL 8:18).

When we choose contrary to the will of God, it brings a lot of unpleasant experiences. In the context of our verse for today, the prophet Samuel told the Israelites they would be sorry for insisting on a king. Our verse speaks of what the people would be sorry for insisting on a king. Our verse speaks of what the people would experience as a result of their wrong choice. It speaks of the fervency of their prayer, the fault for their prayer, and the failure in their prayer.

Fervency for their prayer. “Ye shall cry out in that day.” Choosing a king would cause a lot of painful problems. When these problem would come, Samuel said the people would pray fervently to God about their problems. Fervency in prayer is commendable, but not in this case. If the people had been as fervent in doing the will of God as they would later be in praying about their problems for not doing the will of God, they would not have these great problems.

Fault for their prayer. “Because of your king which ye shall have chose you.” This is the cause of their troubles and the reason they were praying so fervently. The Israelites insisted on a king contrary to God’s will. When they got what they wanted, then they discovered they did not want it; for Saul was not a good king and oppressed and burdened the people. How often when we insist on our own way instead of God’s way we end up with big problems. We choose jobs, or careers, or marriage partners outside the will of God, and these choices eventually bring big problems. After you get what you want, you soon do not want it because of the problems that come with your own choice. Seek God’s choices and you will eliminate a lot of problems and grief in your life.

Failure in their prayer. “And the LORD will not hear you in that day.” This is Divine judgment. You may pray very fervently and sincerely, but God will have a deaf ear to you because you had a deaf ear for God when making the choice. All the prayer promises in the Bible mean nothing when you have turned a deaf ear to God’s Word and way.



READINGS

I JOHN 3:18-23 “My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, *then* have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. And this is his commandment, That ye should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.”

I JOHN 4:7-11 “Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God: for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.”

I PETER 3:3-4 “Whose adorning let it not be that outward *adorning* of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel: But *let it be* the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.”

GALATIANS 5:22-23 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.”

PSALM 51:12 “Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me *with thy* free spirit.”

ST. JOHN 14:6 “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”

ROMANS 5:13 “Now the God of hope fill you will all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.”

ST. JOHN 15:7 “If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.”



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