



JEREMIAH 6:16 "Where is the good way and walk therein, . . ."

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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 *There Is Enough For You (Blood)* By Dr. Frank J. Townsend III



Welcome to the Old Paths Publication as we enter into January, 2021. We are praying for a fruitful year as we serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

I am writing some of my thoughts and scriptural verses about the blood from my old black notebook. I trust they will be a help to you.

When we give blood our own body replenishes it. What about this, every time a lost sinner gets it (the blood) of Jesus Christ our Lord, he also can reproduce all he needs and all you need. Glory to God! There's enough for you. Why don't you get in? **I JOHN 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."**

**I PETER 1:19 "But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:"**

**REVELATION 7:14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

When the Devil comes around trying to put a guilt trip on you about your past sins just remind him of this: That you've been washed in and by the Blood of the Lamb. Amen!

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It has been not only exciting but encouraging to get the publications back in print. Please take a look at our Website. Inside you will find the ***Old Paths Publication***, and the ***Women In The Harvest*** on page 3.

## LET FREEDOM RING

If there ever lived a President who, during his term of service, needed all the courage and strength that he could muster (besides Abraham Lincoln) it is Donald J. Trump. He loves America! Resolved to fight for the American people until the end, President Trump has suffered to keep our freedom. He and his family need the prayers of the saints.

With that being said, 2021 opens a new chapter in our government as well as our daily lives. Might we draw closer to God and family as we experience the changes that are to come. —*The Editor.*

## AMERICA'S GOD and COUNTRY

Book by William J. Federer

Franklin D. Roosevelt (1882-1945), the 32nd President of the United States, addressed the nation, which had just entered the Great Depression, in his First Inaugural Address, March 4, 1933:

*The only thing we have to fear is fear itself....We face arduous days that lie before us in warm courage of national unity; with the clear consciousness of seeking old and precious moral values....*

In this dedication of a nation we humbly ask the blessing of God. May He protect each and every one of us! May He guide me in the days to come!

If I were asked to state the great objective which Church and State are both demanding for the sake of every man and woman and child in this country, I would say that the great objective is a *"more abundant life."*

In 1935 radio broadcast, Franklin D. Roosevelt declared: *"We cannot read the history of our rise and development as a nation, without reckoning with the place the Bible has occupied in shaping the advances of the Republic.... [W]here we have been the truest and most consistent in obeying its precepts, we have attained the greatest measure of contentment and prosperity."*

On January 25, 1941, President Roosevelt inscribed a prologue to a special edition New Testament published by the Gideons. This New Testament (& Psalms), printed by the National Bible Press, Philadelphia, was distributed to the soldiers as they left for service during World War II.

The prologue stated:

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON  
January 25, 1941.

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**SLINGING WORDS**  
By Pastor Frank J. Townsend III

In PHILIPPIANS 2:14 it admonishes us to “Do all things without murmurings and disputings:”

Don't we love it when someone says nice things about us? It just sort of makes us feel good, doesn't it? We shine in our element; not a care in this world. On the other hand how do we like it when someone talks nicely to us, but slings words of contention behind our backs. It makes me think of backbiters. Whatever happened to talking to someone face to face instead of everyone else?

Years ago I drove many miles to talk to someone face to face because it was needful. Did it solve anything? In this instance, not really; but I knew I did the right thing about addressing the matter.

We, as God's children, are not to rebuke an elder. Rather, we are to go to the individual with two or three witnesses. It's the Bible way to handle it. Doing it any other way such as being a scorner, backbiter, gossiper, etc., is not God's way to deal with someone we don't like or disagree with. You can get into trouble with God.

So the next time someone slips in through the door, be it a church member or foe, don't even listen to part or all of the accusations. Nip it in the bud! Ask them to handle it the biblical way. Don't let them sling words around, making your mind to be filled with doubt and discord.

You can be sure God will manifest it all either in the beginning or by the end of the slinging of their words. Some folks are commonly known for going door to door with their disgruntled words. It doesn't edify or bring joy to the listening ears. Instead it steals their joy and causes them to stumble. Mark it down! God keeps a record.

Happy New Year! *—The Gunslinger*

**PROPER WORSHIP**  
By John G. Butler  
From Daily Bible Readings

**ECCLESIASTIS 5:1** Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil.”

The next time you go to church, ponder this verse. It will help you to worship properly and to gain spiritually from going to church. Many folks go to church and profit nothing because they ignore the message of the text before us. This text speaks of our actions at church, our attitude at church, and our awareness from church.

*Actions at church.* “**Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God.**” This is figurative language for good behavior. When you attend a church worship, behave! This seems such a strange exhortation, but there are many folks who when they go to church do not behave well. They talk during the sermon and the singing, they gossip about other members, they grumble about the pastor, and they do not show much reverence for God. When I was a boy, we were to sit quietly and respectfully in church and pay attention. Many adults need to start doing the same in the church services today.

*Attitude in church.* “**Be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools.**” The hearing here is more than just hearing audible sounds, but refers to obedience to the message. It is a hearing that pays attention to what is said and act accordingly. The hearing is contrasted to the “sacrifice of fools.” This reminds us of the message that Samuel gave Saul which said, “**Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.**” (I SAMUEL 15:23). To go to church and hear the message but ignore its application and then think you can satisfy God by making an offering, simply will not pass muster with God.

*Awareness from church.* “**They consider not that they do evil.**” There are many people who are so hardened in their sinful living that they are no longer aware that they are doing evil. But if you go to church with the right attitude and action, you will be helped in holy thinking. Going to church is to improve your holiness. If it does not do that, you are either in the wrong church or attending in the wrong way.



**NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD**  
Author: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899.

**HYMN**

What can wash away my sin?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon this I see —  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
For my cleansing this I plea —  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone —  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
Naught of good that I have done —  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope my peace —  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
This is all my righteousness —  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

**REFRAIN**

Oh! precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Robert Lowry was an American Baptist Preacher and Hymn Writer. His best-known hymns were *Shall We Gather at the River*, *Nothing But The Blood of Jesus*, *How Can I Keep from Singing*, and *Christ Arose!* Mr. Lowry was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on March 12, 1826. He died on November 25, 1899.

His melodies are sung around the world. While preaching the Gospel, in which he found great joy, was his life-work, music, and hymnology were favorite studies, but were also a side issue, a recreation.

A reporter once asked him what was his method of composition— “Do you write the words to fit the music, or the music to fit the words?”

His reply was:

“I have no method. Sometimes the music comes and the words follow, fitted insensibly to the melody. I watch my moods, and when anything good strikes me, whether words or music, and no matter where I am, at home or on the street, I jot it down. Often the margin of a newspaper or the back of an envelope serves as a notebook. My brain is sort of a spinning machine, I think, for there is music running through it all the time. I do not pick out my music on the keys of an instrument. The tunes of nearly all the hymns I have written have been completed on paper before I tried them on the organ. Frequently the words of the hymn and the music have been written at the same time.”



## 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:** The virtuous woman is a role model for Christian women. PROVERBS Chapter 31. —Sis. Linda.



### PEN OF A READY WRITER

By Mrs. Linda K. Townsend

#### The Canvas

Imagine looking at the canvas which intermittently shows a child of God who is disgusted with himself because of a blemished testimony. As children of God, it can hurt to have the dross removed after becoming tarnished. Yet, it is bearable, and given time will become workable clay.

Have you ever watched a meat carver carving a turkey? He is an expert at his profession. However, sometimes there are pieces of meat that don't look kosher. That is when the carver separates those pieces onto a separate plate to make for an appetizing dish.

As Christians, we are to be a separated people — separated from the sin that so easily besets us. We need to be a clean vessel, fit for the Master's use. Be ye holy!

Are you satisfied with your Christian walk? I am not satisfied with mine. There is always room for plenty of improvement. An artist usually does touch-up work on the portrait he has painted; lifting it, spiritually speaking, to a child of God needing to be shaped into the conformity of Jesus Christ, **“to be conformed to the image of his Son,...” ROMANS 8:29.**

Watch out! If you ever become truly satisfied with yourself, something is usually wrong. It might be that you have slipped into complacency and worldliness is reigning. You might be of the persuasion that all that glitters is real gold when in actuality it is fool's gold. Don't let your guard down, be armoured for the spiritual warfare that confronts you.

With a mirror in hand, perhaps we need to take a look at ourselves closely to see the image before us, all the while asking, what image do others see? Have we a Christ-like testimony or one that is soiled on the canvas, a painted picture of sin?

*I looked at the canvas to see what I could see,  
It was not a pretty picture, but it looked like me.  
There was a glimpse of what my life used to be,  
Should I look closer or maybe I should flee —  
I determined to be Christ-like just like Thee.  
—L.K.T.*

Until next time ....

**My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: My tongue is the pen of a ready writer. PSALM 46:1.**

*Be still, my dear friend,  
And trust in the Lord.  
Things will work out in the end,  
As we move forward.  
—L.K.T.*

## DELIGHT IN THE SCRIPTURES

### New Beginnings

By Sushannah (Jasmine) Townsend

#### NEW

*I like new things, don't you? There is nothing like new beginnings; such as a New Year, especially 2021. Only God knows what it will be like, and only He knows how we will adhere to any new changes. —Sis. Jasmine.*

**“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” II CORINTHIANS 5:17** is a promise to those who know Him.

**LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23** **“It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. (23) They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.”** I love this verse!

*The word NEW has stuck in my mind lately. Giving folks a new perspective in life will help them in this new year. I want to be a shining light in this dark winter. It is good to be positive and full of purpose for God.*

*Happy New Year!*



### MEGAN'S MUSINGS

By Megan E. Townsend

*This month I mused about the New Year 2021.*

*I am musing... Can you believe we are in the New Year already? It seems unreal, but here we are. Have you made any new resolutions? I have made one. Pray for me that I will be a success in losing weight. It's not easy because I love to eat anything that I see including pickled eggs, cake, ice-cream, fruitcake, and chicken (lots of it).*

*What am I to do? First I need to pray about it, asking for God to help me not to eat so much. I am trying to drink more water. The “I” is kind of like the “I” in pride. I have to set my mind upon the Lord so he can help me do it instead of me.*

*I am taking the dogs walking with my sister, Jasmine, because she is trying to lose weight too. How about you? Do you want to lose weight? —M.E.T.*

**Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are truly blessed!**

**ST. JOHN 1:1** **“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”**

**REVELATION 21:1** **“And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.”**

**FROM THE HIGHEST HEAVEN  
TO THE LOWEST HELL**  
*By Pastor Frank J. Townsend III*

**From the Highest Heaven to the lowest hell**  
(Psalm 18: 1-19)

**Went Christ my Saviour so the Bible tells.**  
(St. John 5:39)

**Not for any thing that He had done,**  
(Isaiah 53:3-8)

**But to pay my debt that I might be a son.**  
(Heb. 12:7; Philippians 2:15; Heb. 2:10)

**Born of a virgin through the Holy Ghost,**  
(St. Luke 1:26-35)

**There were shouts of Joy by the Heavenly Host.**  
(St. Luke 2:1-14)

**As He grew older and waxed very strong,**  
(St. Luke 1:18-30)

**There was something about Him —  
He could never do wrong.**  
(Hebrews 4:5; James 1:13; Isaiah 53:9)

**There came a voice from the Father above**  
(St. Matthew 3:17; II Peter 1:17)

**To tell the world his Son He does love.**  
(St. Mark 1:11; Psalm 45:1-2)

**That we who believe from His wrath are appeased,**  
(Romans 8:1)

**Only through Jesus with whom the Father is pleased.**  
(St. Mark 1:11)

**So turn from your sin and self-righteousness ways**  
(Acts 17:30)

**To this glorious Saviour, for now is the day.**  
(Acts 26:20)

**So if you'll look close in Genesis 22: (seven),  
Isaac was the type—not the one sent from heaven.**

**As we continue in Genesis 22:8 (eight),  
There is a prophecy to come neither early or late.**

**God will provide Himself a Lamb - for a burnt offering;**  
(St. John 1:29)

**Most people believe—but why not verse 3 of Psalm  
116?**

**Jesus who is God's only begotten Son**  
(St. John 3:16)

**After He died on the cross He fulfilled Acts 2:31.**  
(Acts 2:31)

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*(From the Highest Heaven... cont. from the previous column)*

**So if you only believe He died on the cross** (St. John 5:45-47)  
**I wonder about you: are you saved or lost?** (St. Luke 24:25-27)  
**This is just as important as His rising again.** (II Tim. 3:16-17)  
**If He wasn't your substitute then you're still in your Sin.**  
(II Corinthians 5:21; Rom. 8:3-4; Heb. 9:28; Gal. 3:13)

**If you think the doctrine is strange and of late,  
John Bunyan preached it also in 1658 (eight).**  
(Sighs from Hell=John Bunyan 1658)

**What does it matter you may ask in your heart?**  
(Acts 13:38-41; St. John 8:24; St. John 17:20; St. Luke 24:25-27)  
**To me I marvel that He knew the price He'd pay before the start.**  
(Isaiah 53:1-12)

**He knew bleeding and dying on that old rugged cross**  
(Isaiah 52:14; St. Mark 14:22-24)

**That if He didn't continue, we'd all suffer loss!**  
(St. Luke 23:39; St. Matthew 27:39-42; St. Matthew 5:17-18; Romans 10:4)

**His spirit returned to the Father above —** (St. Luke 23:46)  
**His body was laid in the tomb with great love.** (St. Luke 23:50-55)

**His soul it descended to Hell way beneath,**  
(Psalm 86:13; Psalm 88:6; Psalm 139:15; Deut. 32:22; Gal. 3:13)  
**There was work to do before He met the thief.** (St. Luke 23:43)

**He died the 9th hour on the cross up above.** (St. Luke 23:44-45)  
**There was less than 3 hours in Hell for His love.** (St. Luke 23:43)  
**To the thief on the cross He had told no lies** (Hebrews 6:18)  
**Before this day is over you'll be with me in paradise.** (Luke 23:40-43)

**So when in the garden He became all our sin** (St. Luke 22:39-44)  
**It came like dross off the gold by the fire He was in.**  
(Isaiah 28:16; Acts 2:27; Job 22:10)

**Though for a while the object of God's holy wrath,**  
(Psalm 88:6, 7, 15, 16)

**Jesus had won and of Satan did laugh.** (Psalm 2:4)

**As victor over death and with key's of Hell** (Rev. 1:18; I Cor. 15:54-56)  
**He crossed the great gulf to Paradise's cell.** (Eph. 4:9; I Peter 3:15)  
**Abraham, Isaac, and the thief on the cross**  
(St. Luke 16:22-25; St. John 8:43:58)

**In Jesus believed and suffered no loss.** (Galatians 4:28)

**Not only these three, but others also** (St. John 3:16)  
**Who believed on God's Son with Jesus may go.** (St. John 1:12)  
**Except you come this way there are no exceptions.** (I Timothy 2:5)  
**There is nothing to add to His work of redemption.** (Heb. 12:24)

**So that when you see Him face to face,** (I Corinthians 13:12)  
**Your only merits will be His Grace.** (Ephesians 2:8-9)

—Frank J. Townsend III  
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PSALM 122:6

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem..."

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