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THE IRON PEN

I Will Walk At Liberty

(Taken from my Outline on Sunday, 3/31/1996)

By Dr. Frank J. Townsend III

PSALM 119: 41-48. (Verse 45). "And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts."

I CORINTHIANS 8:1-13. (Verse 3). "But if any man love God, the same is known of him." This can be applied to any like situation.

II CORINTHIANS 3:1-18. The liberty in walking in the Spirit of the Lord not under the condemnation of the LAW!

GALATIANS 5:1-14. (Verse 13). "For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty: only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another." We are free from the LAW. The liberty is in Christ Jesus. If circumcision is still the seal, then the offence of the cross has ceased.

JAMES 1:25. (Verses 21-25). "But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed." "The liberty is in GRACE. The liberty that we have in the Lord is within the bounds of the Precepts, Statutes, and Testimonies of the WORD of God; not a cloke for your rebellion and worldliness.

I PETER 2:16 (Verses 11-16). "As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God." This sums it up as servants of God.

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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.

THE GARDEN — With what joy the Christian walks through the garden, we are reminded of His greatness and His power. Our love of nature seems to be revived in the garden. Perhaps because we know the importance of things great and small. The great Creator became my Saviour. I never walk through the garden alone. It reminds me of Him. I see the rain; the lightening; the effects of the wind. I hear the thunder. In the design of the garden I notice the rocks; a hiding place. The sun by day and the moon and stars by night.... May I ever be reminded of the God of the garden, "who prepareth rain for the earth,...." PSALM 147:7-8; PSALM 90:1-2, —L.K.T.

AMERICA'S GOD and COUNTRY

Book by William J. Federer

THE STATUE OF LIBERTY ENLIGHTENING THE WORLD July 4, 1884, was given by the nation of France to the United States as a symbol of friendship between the two nations. The Statue of Liberty has become a symbol of freedom throughout the world. The largest of its kind, the statue weighs 450,000 pounds and stands 305 feet above the base of the pedestal. Conceived by Edouard de Laboulaye and constructed over a steel structure built by Gustave Eiffel, the Statue was sculpted by the French sculptor Frederic Auguste Bartholdi.

Bartholdi wrote: "The statue was born for this place which conspired its conception. May God be pleased to bless my efforts and my work, and to crown it with success, the duration and the most influence which it ought to have."

On October 28, 1866, the inauguration ceremony of the Statue of Liberty Enlightening the World was begun with a prayer by Reverend S. Storrs, D.D.:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who are of infinite majesty and mercy, by whose counsel and might the courses of the worlds are wisely ordained and irresistibly established, yet who takest thought of the children of men, and to whom our homage in all our works is justly due: We bless and praise Thee....

It is in Thy favor, and through the operation of the Gospel of Thy grace, that cities stand in quiet prosperity, that peaceful commerce covers the seas....

We pray that the Liberty which it represents may continue to enlighten with beneficent instruction, and to bless with majestic and wide benediction, the nations which have part in the work of renown....

We pray for all the nations of the earth; that in equity and charity their sure foundations may be established that in piety and wisdom they may find a true welfare, in obedience to Thee, glory and praise; and that, in all the enlargements of their power, they may be ever the joyful servants of Him to whose holy dominion and kingdom shall be no end....

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WILL A REAL EVANGELIST PLEASE STAND UP?

By Pastor Frank J. Townsend III

My friend, I don't mean to be crude or mean to any man of God who has the title of "Evangelist," that truly is doing a work for the Lord. This little article (written back in February of 2000) is speaking, mainly, to a bunch of bums who won't work an honest job.

I am talking about these so-called men of God who say God has called them into evangelism. I have yet to see any of them on the streets of our city or surrounding area preaching the gospel to a lost and dying world.

The "wannabe's" are sitting as members in some big liberal church waiting to be discovered like some Hollywood star! They say that God has called them to preach, but they won't even witness to their neighbors; let alone pass out a gospel tract on the streets of their home town. Who do they think they are kidding? Surely NOT God!

Most of the ones who are preaching "Meetings" are preaching to preach again. Therefore they don't want to offend anyone, especially not the preacher who called him. Even the devil doesn't show up where they preach.

They lay around the motel or hang out at the pawn shops or Wal-Mart all day, eat fried chicken; take a nap up until it's time for church; pull out some canned message (rehashed), that they've preached over and over, year after year. They'll preach 30 or 40 minutes, go back to the motel, day after day till the end of the week; grab their check and head for home. Now does that sound like Philip in **ACTS 8:5-6, 26-35**?

The Bible tells us, as pastors, to do the work of an evangelist. **II TIMOTHY 4:5 "But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry."** That doesn't mean running all over the country preaching in someone's church all week.

How can you pastor if you're away from your flock? Wouldn't you agree that the former verse is speaking of you doing the work of an evangelist in your own community as an ensample to your flock? I know, that's NOT as glorifying as running all over the country.

I think we have more TRADITION than we have BIBLE in our churches. (Protestant doctrine; not Bible). Many of the evangelists who are roaming the country today say they used to be pastor, but God changed His mind and called them to eating CHICKEN, I mean EVANGELISM. God probably didn't call them. If He had, they would still be doing it.

Maybe it just gets too hard, like when a husband gets tired of his responsibility to take care of his family. Amen! I find in the scripture that a REAL evangelist (biblically speaking) is more on the order of what we call "missionaries."

We won't hardly support any man at home going house to house, but we will put some so-called evangelist up in a motel all week, feed him, and give him a good offering, and fix his car, buy his clothes, and send him home—warmed and filled. All the while, a man in your own church is barely making it, trying to win souls, bringing them into your church, and you don't even think enough to help them. God help us! Please show me that in your Bible.

I know, as a pastor, I enjoy some other preacher coming in and encouraging me as well as my people. But the one who comes going on visitation and soul winning — I didn't always require that. However, the Lord pricked my heart about that mess—age. I bet if we had more of the so-called evangelists going house to house; they wouldn't be so quick to call.

By the way, if I've got a man in my church who says he has been called to preach or be an evangelist, he better be on the streets and going on visitation before he stands up as a preacher out of our church. Amen!

I know of men out on the evangelistic trail that are doing the job, but they are few. So as I close this little paper, could I exhort you take another look at what a Biblical evangelist really is?

WILL A REAL EVANGELIST PLEASE STAND UP?

God bless and have a good day. Bro. Frank.

I would like to add that there has been a change since I wrote this article back in February of 2000, and that is the Pandemic of 2020. Presently, it is not as feasible going door to door with Lock-downs in place in a number of our states because of the Covid virus. People aren't comfortable in inviting you into their homes. Times have changed! So I am not advocating going door to door in times like these. However, it is an individual choice.



I Gave My Life for Thee

Author: Frances H. Havergal
(1836-1879)

1. I gave My life for thee, My precious blood I shed,
2. My Father's house of Light, My glory circled throne
3. I suffered much for thee, More than thy tongue can tell,
4. And I have brought to thee, Down from My home above.

That thou might'st ransomed be, And quickened from the dead;
I left, for the earthly night, for wand'rings sad and lone;
Of bitt' rest agony, To rescue thee from hell;
Salvation full and free, My pardon and My love;

I gave, I gave My life for thee-
What hast thou giv'n for me?

I left, I left it all for thee-
Has thou left ought for Me?

I've borne, I've borne it all for thee-
What hast thou borne for Me?

I bring, I bring rich gifts to thee-
What hast thou brought to Me?

Frances Ridley Havergal was an English religious poet and hymn writer. She began writing at the age of seven. The hymn above is one of her best known hymns. She also wrote the words for "Like A River Glorious," and wrote hymn melodies, religious tracts, and works for children.

Frances Havergal lived a relatively quiet life, not enjoying consistent good health; she travelled, in particular to Switzerland. Much of her time was filled with religious writings. She died on June, 3, 1879.

Her father William Henry Havergal was a clergyman, writer, composer, and hymn writer.
Sibling: Henry East Havergal.

Whose I Am

Jesus, Master, whose I am,
Purchased Thine alone to be,
By Thy blood, O spotless Lamb,
Shed so willingly for me;
Let my heart be all Thine own,
Let me live to Thee alone.

Other lords have long held sway;
Now Thy name alone to bear,
Thy dear voice alone obey,
Is my daily, hourly prayer.
Whom have I in heaven but Thee?
Nothing else my joy can be.

Jesus, Master! I am Thine;
Keep me faithful, keep me near;
Let Thy presence in me shine
All my homeward way to cheer.
Jesus! At Thy feet I fall,
Oh, be Thou my All-in-all.
—Frances Ridley Havergal



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 key to a surrendered life to Christ is obedience. —*Sis. Linda.*



PEN OF A READY WRITER

LEARN WHAT GOD HAS FOR YOU
By *Mrs. Linda K. Townsend*

“It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.” PSALM 119:71.

When we get to the point in admitting it is good that I have been afflicted, then we can learn what God wants us to learn. Affliction can be a new beginning of spiritual growth. It takes submission on one’s part to adhere to the will of God.

An affliction for the believer can do one of two things. It will either cause you to draw closer to the Lord or cause bitterness of soul and spirit. Have you ever cried out to God “Let me learn in my affliction, let it be a time of new spiritual growth?” It can be difficult at times to be submissive when your affliction seems to overpower your life, changing it forever. Yet it is needful!

It’s understandable since we are curious people to question and doubt God’s plan and purpose for us. We tend to question ourselves “Why me? What is the purpose of suffering this affliction? Even so, there should come a place in your spiritual walk that you know God knows what’s best for you.

I often remind myself that ROMANS 8:28 is still in the Book. **“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God; and to them that are called according to his purpose.”** Whether our questions are answered or not — it won’t matter when we are trusting the Lord for everything; big or small. Being thankful actually is a learning tool. It helps us to even appreciate the affliction.

Personally, an affliction usually arrives unannounced and can be accompanied by fears of the unknown; the toll it will take not only on myself, but on my family. Nobody wants to be a burden to others. Everybody would like to live a healthy life.

It’s best not to lean to thy own understanding, but to His. God can give us peace in the midst of the affliction. I came across a verse in **PSALM 119:67** that can speak to our hearts. **“Before I was afflicted I went astray; but now I have kept thy word.”**

Learn the precepts of God. Drawing closer to Him helps us to be still in the troubles that so easily beset us. **“The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them our out of all their troubles.” PSALM 34:17.** God’s word admonishes us to **“Let not your heart be troubled.”**

Perhaps keeping the affliction in perspective helps us to endure it. God is able to bind up our hearts and mend our broken spirits. The pain of affliction might not depart, but don’t flinch from it. God’s grace is sufficient. It really is!

The affliction is not to hurt us, but rather teaches us to obey and to trust. We are to learn from the affliction and spiritually grow, and realize what is best for us — God knows.

My heart is inditing a good matter!

PSALM 46:10-11

“Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. (Vs. 11) The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Se-lah.

DELIGHT IN THE SCRIPTURES

By *Sushannah (Jasmine) Townsend*

We can take Delight in the Scriptures. **“Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.” PSALM 37:4.** Draw nearer to God.

Dare to Be a Daniel! Standing by a purpose true, Heeding God’s command, Honor them, the faithful few! All hail to Daniel’s band. Dare to be a Daniel! Dare to stand alone! Dare to have a purpose firm! Dare to make it known! — Philip P. Bliss.

Mighty men and women fall, not standing on the promises of God. We wandered from the great All-in all; turning from the Lord. —LKT.

More Holiness Give Me; More striving within, More patience in suffering, More Sorrow for sin; More faith in my Saviour, More sense of His care, More joy in His service, More purpose in prayer. —Philip P. Bliss.

My prayer: Give me strength to overcome and lean on Him. Let me be a shining light in this darkened world; give me Delight in the Scriptures once again. —Sis. Jasmine.

“Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.” I PETER 1:16.

Let not your heart be troubled....

MEGAN’S MUSINGS

By *Megan E. Townsend*

I am musing still....

Okay this month of February I’ve been musing about faithfulness; being faithful to God and the church. —*Sis. Megan.*

Sometimes it take a little work to be faithful to God, like reading the Bible and praying on a daily basis. We are to attend church when the doors are open to be faithful and to be there even sometimes when we don’t feel like going.

Musing... I love the old hymn Great Is Thy Faithfulness. I am going to include the Chorus for you to enjoy.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy Faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided —
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Don’t you just love the chorus? It reminds me of those new mercies that I often forget about. As for me, I am not always faithful to read my Bible, but I am faithful to attend church. *God is still working on me.* He doesn’t let me down. He is always faithful!

ST. MATTHEW 25:21

“His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy lord.”

Take your time—or time takes you and drains your strength away. Take a minute, maybe two, throughout your busy day—for slowing down to meditate—from worldly things apart—in a quiet place to wait with a receptive heart. Take your time to think about the greatest things of all—take your time to work it out before the curtains fall. Why the worry? What’s the hurry? Take your time and stroll.... Slacken pace to see the view. Take your time or time takes you. —Patience Strong

THE UTMOST FOR HIS HIGHEST

By Oswald Chambers
Christian Library

One of God's Great Don't's

"Fret not thyself" PSALM 37:8. K.J.B.

Fretting means getting out at elbows mentally or spiritually. It is one thing to say "Fret not," but a very different thing to have such a deposition that you find yourself able not to fret.

It sounds so easy to talk about "in the Lord and waiting patiently for Him until the nest is upset—until we live, as so many are doing, in tumult and anguish, is it possible then to rest in the Lord? If this "don't" does not work there, it will work nowhere. This "don't" must work in days of perplexity as well as in days of peace, or it never will work. And if it will not work in your particular case, it will not work in anyone else's case.

Resting in the Lord does not depend on external circumstances at all, but on your relationship to God Himself.

Fussing always ends in sin. We imagine that a little anxiety and worry are an indication of how really wise we are; it is much more an indication of how really wicked we are. Fretting springs from a determination to get our own way. Our Lord never worried and He was never anxious or fretful. Fretting is wicked if you are a child of God.

Do you think your circumstances are too much for Him to handle? Deliberately tell God that you will not fret about that thing that is bothersome. All our fret and worry is caused by calculating without God. ~

*Don't fret and don't you worry
Because it become a heavy load to bear.
Don't be in such a hurry —
Take your burdens to the Lord in prayer.
—Linda K. Townsend*

A LITTLE OF THIS And A LITTLE OF THAT

Collection of Prayers by Tozer

Lord, may I be reminded of Your role as Creator by every created thing I encounter.

Indeed, Lord, the heavens shall praise Your wonders!

Lord, help me to live in a way that is worthy of Your love.

Lord, I bow before You in the need of prayer, giving You all the honour and glory.

Thank you for Your saving grace!

Thank you Lord in the flawless precision in which You work.

I know the God in whom I serve. Help me to trust in Your faithfulness and learn to be obedient.

Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. DEUTERONOMY 31:6.

What a Friend I have in You! When I become troublesome I know I can trust You to help.

Thanking You that I can go to the throne room of grace.

As I enter into the church service, let me come expectantly; I am weak but You are strong.

Give me the right balance in my worship, I pray. Give me a servant's heart. Amen.

I will seek you early, for You are my God.

O God, thou art my God, early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where not water is. PSALM 63:1.

Know therefore this day, and consider it in thy heart, that the LORD he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else. DEUTERONOMY 4:39.



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PSALM 122:6

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

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