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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

America — Once Again

By Pastor Frank J. Townsend III



Looking back.... A few days after the terrorist's attack on America, I was driving from Columbia to Florence, South Carolina. Listening to the Mike Gallagher Show on the radio he mentioned a statement that Jerry Falwell made on CBN with Pat Robinson the night before about how he blamed the liberal judges, law makers, sodomites, and baby killers for the attack on America on September 11, 2001.

I personally thought that was a pretty good statement from a couple of liberal compromisers (Amen!). But I didn't totally agree with him although I understood what he meant about the protection of our Almighty God being lifted from this people because of all the murdered babies (abortions), and other wicked ungodly deeds done in this great land.

Fast forward... I know America is a great country. I thank God I was born here and served in our military in the United States. I am thankful I still have some freedom and I'm still willing to STAND up for America. But the truth is we have become desperately wicked. Unlike Jerry Falwell and Pat Robinson, I point my finger square in the faces of the preachers in America for letting the people of this great country and our God and Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ down.

When I look in the mirror, I point my finger back at me. You see, we've all let God down in so many ways. We've enjoyed the riches in America — following the America dream. For many of us the state of our country went unnoticed for years because we just got too busy.

We have awakened from the American dream to perilous times. Our eyes have opened up to our great Land being destroyed by protestors, Antifa, and the BLM organization, and of course the Democrats who are allowing our country to begin the destruction at hand.

Do you hear the Wake-Up call? Are you listening to God's still small voice to lead you in the way you should go? We are sons, soldiers and priests. We are to put on the armour of God daily, wearing it as a badge of honour. —Bro. Frank.

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Take a look, this Old Paths Publication has the Women In The Harvest on page 3.

TROUBLESOME ROOT — The gardener sometimes has a hard time digging up a weed. It becomes troublesome. His attempts seem to be futile, but he eventually gets to the root and digs it out.

Just as the weed has a root so does bitterness in the heart of me. The root of bitterness springs up and then you think it's gone, but it appears once again. The Christian troubles himself to get rid of that root. It becomes hard work. Why? Because the root that troubles him is destructive and will lead to defilement of many.

The right Christian behavior is to **'Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.'**

AMERICA'S GOD and COUNTRY

George Washington (1732-1799), the 1st President of the United States, was the Command-in-Chief of the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. He was also a surveyor, a planter, a soldier, and a statesman.

On July 2, 1776, from his headquarters in New York, General Washington issued this order:

The time is now near at hand which must probably determine whether Americans are to be freemen or slaves; whether they are to have any property they can call their own; whether their houses and farms are to be pillaged and destroyed, and themselves consigned to a state of wretchedness from which no human efforts will deliver them.

The fate of unborn millions will now depend, under God, on the courage of this army. Our cruel and unrelenting enemy leaves us only the choice of brave resistance, or the most abject submission. We have, therefore, to resolve to conquer or die.

On July, 9, 1776, the Continental Congress authorized the Continental Army to provide chaplains for their troops. General George Washington then issued the order and appointed chaplains to every regiment. On the same day, he issued the general order of his troops, stating:

The General hopes and trusts that every officer and man, will endeavor to live, act, as becomes a Christian Soldier defending the dearest RIGHTS and LIBERTIES of his country.

II CHRONICLES 7:14 *If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*

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The Gunslinger

PERFECT WILL OF GOD

By Dr. Frank J. Townsend III

ROMANS 12: 1-2 “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies if God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, acceptable unto God, *which is your reasonable service.* 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.*” ▲

We hear all about being in the will of God. I’ve even heard preachers say that they are in the PERFECT will of God, and I thank God that there are Christians who know and are settled in the fact they are in God’s perfect will. Yet I have heard many people ask, “How do you know or how can I know God’s perfect will for my life?”

The answer is simple, but knowing the answer and doing what it is can be difficult at times for most Christians. The answer is presenting yourself to God as a living sacrifice.

I want to give you three things that I believe will help you to know the will of God for your life.

1}. First off, I think that the GOOD will of God is that ye must be born again. If you are struggling with yourself to find God’s will for your life, you must first be sure you are saved. I believe that is the GOOD will of God in “**ROMANS 12:2b.** For we know that God is not willing that any should perish.” So #1 is to know you are saved. That is the GOOD will.

II CORINTHIANS 13:5 “Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reborn?”

2}. Secondly, once you are in His GOOD WILL you must strive through the Spirit to be separated from the world, and the lusts thereof. **I CORINTHIANS 6:19-20** “What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is in you, which ye have to God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.*”

II CORINTHIANS 7:1 “Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”

I JOHN 3:3 “And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.”

So #2, I believe, separation and sanctification is the ACCEPTABLE will of God.

3}. Thirdly, I believe that the PERFECT will of God is for you to be serving. **I PETER 2:9** “But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, and holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who have called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”

I CORINTHIANS 3:9, 14. “For we are labourers together with God: ye are God’s husbandry, ye are God’s building.” Verse 14 “If any man’s work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.”

So #3, we are to be serving.

- Let’s recap:**
1. Good will (saved).
 2. Acceptable will (separated).
 3. Perfect will (serving).

In order to do any one of these things we must present our bodies a living sacrifice, (repentance) unto God.

This was a four hour message, so naturally I do NOT have room here for all of it, just the highlights.

We have some saved and separated, but not serving. We have some separated and serving, but not saved. We have some saved and serving, but not separated. We need to be saved, separated, and serving, that we might be in His good, acceptable, and perfect will, but first comes sacrifices.

Are you in God’s good, acceptable, and perfect will? —Bro. Frank.



HOLD TO GOD’S UNCHANGING HAND

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Time is filled with transition,
Naught of earth unmoved can stand.
Build your hope in things eternal,
Hold to God’s unchanging hand!

Trust in Him who will not leave you,
Whatsoever, years many bring.
If by earthly friends forsaken,
Still more closely to Him cling!

Covet not his world’s vain riches,
That so rapidly decay.
Seek to gain the heav’nly treasures,
They will never pass away!

CHORUS

Hold—to God’s unchanging hand!
Hold to God’s unchanging hand!
Hold to His hand.
Hold to His hand.

D. S.—Build your hope on things eternal,
Hold to God’s unchanging Hand!

OSWALD CHAMBERS

I have to account to God for the way in which I rule my body under His domination. Paul said he did not frustrate the grace of God — make it to no effect.

The grace of God is absolute, the salvation of Jesus is perfect. It is done forever. I am not being saved, I am saved. Salvation is as eternal as God’s throne, the thing for me to do is to work out what God works in.

“**Work out your own salvation**” I am responsible for doing it. It means that I have to manifest in this body the life of the Lord Jesus, not mystically, but really and emphatically.

“I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection.” Every saint can have his body under absolute control for God. God has made us to have government over all the temple of the Holy Ghost, over imagination and affections. We are responsible for these, and we must never give way to inordinate affections.

Most of us are much sterner with others than we are in regard to ourselves; we make excuses for things in ourselves whilst we condemn in others things to which we are not naturally inclined.

“I beseech you,” says Paul, “**present your bodies a living sacrifice.**”

The point to decide is this:

“Do I agree with my Lord and Master that my body shall be His temple?”

If so, then for me the whole of the law for the body is summed up in this revelation, that my body is the temple of the Holy Ghost.

WOMEN IN THE HARVEST

The publication began back in October of 1998. I founded this publication, hoping to be an encouragement to women in the harvest. —*Sis. Linda.*

A fire in the church printing shop (the Concord Baptist Church Printing Ministry) destroyed much of my writings, gospel tracts, books, and poetry. Now we have a new print shop. Thankful!

Our youngest adopted daughter, Jasmine is seventeen and a senior. Megan is twenty-four and Katie will be twenty-three in September. Both Megan and Jasmine lives with us. Our biological son, Frank, and daughter, Tabatha are in their forties. It's hard to fathom how much time has gone by.

I am sixty-nine and hope to write for Him until I go to be with the Lord, but if the Dementia interferes with that then so be it. Until then, Lord willing, Women In The Harvest has found a spot on Page 3 of the Old Paths Publication. I am so excited! We are back on the printed page. — *Sis. Linda.*

THE PEN OF A READY WRITER

By Mrs. Linda K. Townsend



THE SUNFLOWER

The golden sunflower tends to turn its face towards the sun. Somehow it radiates happiness and brings a smile to our faces....

I saw a field of sunflowers the other day and I got so excited. I mean I really got excited! My heart immediately filled with joy.

How much more, then, should God's children turn towards the Son? We should be excited in our Christian walk. He gives us peace of mind, joy, happiness, and so much more even when we seem to be tested above measure. God encourages us along — moment by moment. We should radiate His goodness.

God is my best encourager. He also uses other people to encourage me. An example is when I posted on Facebook about the sunflower. In the comments folks sent me pictures of sunflowers. That simply encouraged my day.

A little later in the day Sushannah (Jasmine) came home from working with her dad.

She said, "Here mom".

It was a hand written paper entitled The Small But Mighty. Her article is on this page. Encouraging! Yes, and a blessing to me. —*Sis. Linda.*

*The happy sunflower is like no other,
And tends to put a smile on our faces.
It might be in a glass vase on the table,
Or growing in a field, or other places.*

—*Linda K. Townsend*
8/7/2020

We are given an admonishment in God's word to walk as children of light. Yet oftentimes we struggle along trying to discern what to do "Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord". **EPHESIANS 5:10.**

If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. (Taken from **Galatians 5:25**).

Until next time...

PSALM 45:1

My hearts 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.



DELIGHT IN THE SCRIPTURES

By Jasmine Townsend

THE SMALL BUT MIGHTY

I hope to captivate the attention of the young and old who read DELIGHT IN THE SCRIPTURES, a short article written here in the WOMEN IN THE HARVEST. Let's take a look at David and Goliath, two men in the Holy Bible. Their story is found in **I SAMUEL CHAPTER 17.**

David was the youngest of eight children. He was an Israelite. Goliath was a giant of the Philistines. The Israelites and the Philistines went out to battle. Goliath wanted to prove how strong he was. Although David was young and small God helped him to kill a lion and a bear.

At the battle of David and Goliath, Goliath belittled David by the way he looked. While Goliath was dressed with armor David only had a bag with a sling and a stone. David ran towards Goliath, took out his sling and stone and slang it and hit Goliath in his forehead. The stone sunk into his forehead and he fell upon his face to the earth.

David stood upon Goliath and took Goliath's sword and slew him and cut off his head. When the Philistines saw that Goliath was dead, they fled. The men of Israel pursued the Philistines until they came out of the valley of Ekron. David took the head of Goliath and brought it to Jerusalem. Then he returned unto Saul and he took David in as his own son.

Later on, David eventually became king.... —*Jasmine Townsend.*

*Although you may be small,
And not feel mighty at all;
You can stand strong and tall,
If God doesn't let you fall.
—Linda K. Townsend*



MEGAN'S MUSINGS

By Megan E. Townsend

When my mom told me Pastor Allen had gone to be with the Lord, I was sad. But then I thought about him being in heaven with Pastor Randall, it made me happy.

Dad and mom said I talk a lot, and I do. I think a lot too. So dad said let's call your article Megan's Musings. I asked mom what musings meant?

Muse is a noun. A period of reflection. Muse can be an Adjective characterized by reflection or deep thought. I liked that!

I guess I was in deep thought about Pastor Sammy Allen. I met him at about nine years old around the time I was adopted. My sister was adopted at the same time. Jasmine was adopted before we came to be with my parents.

Musing some more.... I like that word. I thought of a story about how when I was at Faith Baptist Camp in Georgia. I remember I was running through the church. Pastor Allen asked me what are you doing girl? I said, "I am running." He was nice to me. I did learn to stop running in church. I loved him and his preaching.

My mom helped me with some on my article, but not much. I wanted to do it myself and try to figure out what to say. —*Megan E. Townsend*

STAND UP, STAND UP FOR JESUS YE SOLDIERS OF THE CROSS....

America is in dire straights. We are watching our country fall from a God fearing country into what is considered the "new norm" for America. Things have changed! People have changed! One thing that hasn't changed is that God is still on the throne. He knows all about it! Fear is being spread across our great land. People are concerned about the grocery store shelves being empty. It makes me think of Verse 3 in PSALM 37, "Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed." What are we to do? Trust in God!

We watch the world churn, and businesses burn. Are we to be complacent and stand back and do nothing? We do have the power to help make the needed changes in America. How? There is POWER in prayer. We can kneel on bended knees to make our petitions known unto God.

The American flag (Old Glory) and the National Anthem are worth standing for. Our freedom has been fought for in the past and also the present. However, what does the future hold? God knows! We don't just give up on America — we continue to fight for freedom. Prayer warriors are needed more than ever.

*We the people must take a stand for the Lord Jesus Christ. God is our protector and defender, deliverer...in these perilous times. Although our country is going through troublesome times we can lean on Him. PSALM 46:1 is a reminder of trust. —*Sis. Linda.**

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Devotional

LINE UPON LINE
Book II
By F. L. Mortimer

DAVID & URIAH'S WIFE (II Samuel Chapter 11)

Was David a good man? Oh, yes! He loved God and tried to please Him. What made David good? God's Holy Spirit. God put His Spirit into his heart; yet still there was wickedness in David's heart, as well as goodness. Satan, too, used to tempt David to do wicked things. Sometimes David did not pray to God to keep him from Satan and then David used to listen to what Satan said. Shall you not be very sorry to hear of a wicked thing that David did

I am now going to tell you about a time that David displeased the Lord.

Once men went out to fight against some wicked people who lived near Canaan. David did not go himself this time, but he told a man named Joab to make the people to fight. This Joab was called David's captain because he took soldiers with him to battle and told them when to fight.

So David stayed at Jerusalem. I do not know why he did not go out to fight himself; I am afraid that he was idle and liked better to stay at home to eat and drink and rest himself. It is very wrong to be idle. Did you ever hear this hymn; "*Satan finds some mischief still, for idle hands to do?*"

One day, when it was hot, David lay upon his bed. When it grew cool he got up and walked on top of his house, which was flat like a table. As he was walking there, he looked down and saw a woman whom he liked very much as soon as he saw her. David wished to have her as his wife; so he sent his servants to ask what her name was. They came back and told him her name was Bath-she-ba and that she was married to a man named Uriah.

Most of us knows the rest of the story....

Perspective: David devised a plan to have Uriah killed in battle. Then he took Bath-she-ba as his wife. In the Ten Commandments it states "**Thou shalt not kill.**"

Deuteronomy 5:18 is quite clear in instruction: "**Neither shalt thou commit adultery.**" David had been tempted above measure. His lust had caused him to fall into sin.

Q The pithy quotes from the prolific pen of A.W. Tozer are great fillers for church newsletter and bulletins. They can also be used to brighten up sermons, articles and other published material. But best of all, they are simply great reading — an opportunity to become familiar with the thoughts of a great preacher and a man after God's own heart.

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S A.W. Tozer's greatest legacy to the Christian world has been more than 40 books, including this one, THE QUOTABLE TOZER I.

Fundamentalism

Fundamentalism has stood aloof from the Liberal in self-conscious superiority and has on its own part fallen into error, the error textualism, which is simply orthodoxy without the Holy Ghost. Everywhere among Conservative we find persons who are Bible-taught but not Spirit-taught.

The true character of a people is revealed in the uses it makes of its freedoms.

Any nations which for an extended period puts pleasure before liberty is likely to lose the liberty it misuses.

The freedom of human will is necessary to the concept of morality.

It is the free nation that reveals its character by its voluntary choices. The man who "bowed by the weight of centuries...leans upon his hoe and gazes on the ground" when the long day's work is over is glad to get home to supper and to bed; he has little time for anything else. But in those fortunate lands when modern machinery and labor unions have given many men free hours out of every day and at least two free days out of every week, they have time to do almost anything they will. They are free to destroy themselves by their choices, and many of them are doing just that.

...if man's will is not free to do evil, it is not free to do good!

To be forgiven, means a sin must be forsaken.



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