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

THE CONSCIENCE OF MAN

By Pastor Frank J. Townsend III

For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:

Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and *their* thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another; In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel. ROMANS 2:14-16.

The law was given to Moses on Mt. Sinai. God gave Moses, at that time, the Ten Commandments. Just to paraphrase, 1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. 2. Thou shalt not make any graven images or likeness of anything that is in heaven above or that is in the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. 3. Thou shalt not bow down thyself before them nor serve them. 4. Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain. 5. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. 6. Honour thy father and thy mother. 7. Thou shalt not kill. 7. Thou shalt not commit adultery. 8. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his made servant, and so forth. These Commandments were given to Israel over 430 years after God's covenants with Abraham.

The purpose of the law was to show them they couldn't keep it. We read previously in Romans 2:14-16 that this law is written in our hearts, no one had to teach you to lie or steal; you knew how because you were born with a fallen sinful nature. You also knew that what you were doing was wrong because of the law written in your heart, that through your tender young conscience is, was accusing you of your sin. However the more you ignored your conscience the less it convicted you. Your heart became calloused (hardened) the more you ignored it, hopefully not turning you over to a reprobate mind.

This is the reason we need the Holy Ghost anointed preaching, to awaken your conscience and convict you of sin that you might repent and trust the Lord Jesus Christ to save you. Amen! —Bro. Frank.

ST. LUKE 13:3

I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise

AMERICA'S GOD & COUNTRY — Theodore Roosevelt (1858 --1919), the 26th President of the United States, was a soldier, author, and Nobel Prize winner (1906).

Upon assuming office on September 14, 1901, he stated: I earnestly recommend all the people to assemble on that day in their respective places of divine worship, there to bow down in submission to the will of the Almighty God. Later, President Theodore Roosevelt stated: The true Christian is the true citizen, lofty of purpose, resolute in endeavor, ready for a hero's deeds, but never looking down on his task because it is cast in the day of small things; scornful of baseness, awake to his own duties as well as to his rights, following the higher law with reverence, and in this world doing all that in his power lies, so that when death comes he may feel that mankind in some degree better because he lived.

A thorough knowledge of the Bible is worth more than a college education.

On March 4, 1905, President Roosevelt proclaimed in his Second Inaugural Address: *No people on earth have more cause to be thankful than ours, and this is said reverently, in no spirit of boastfulness in our own strength, but with gratitude to the Giver of good who has blessed us.*

In 1909, with grave intuition, President Theodore Roosevelt gave this ominous warning: *Progress has brought us both unbounded opportunities and unbridled difficulties. Thus, the meaning of our civilization will not be that we have done much, but what we have done with that much. I believe that the next half century will determine if we will advance the cause of paganism. The thought of modern industry in the herds of Christian charity is a dream worth dreaming. The thought of industry in the hands of paganism is a nightmare beyond imagining. The choice between the two is upon us.*

The Seven Spiritual Offerings of the Believer's Priesthood

- [1] Body: Ephesians 5:18, Romans 12:1-2, Romans: 8:13, Galatians 1:4, Gal. 2:16, 20.
- [2] Faith: Philippians 2:17.
- [3] Offerings: Philippians 4:18.
- [4] Praise: Hebrews 13:15, Psalm 58:23, Jeremiah 33: 11, Psalm 116:17.
- [5] Thanksgiving: Psalm 116:17, Psalm 107:22, I Thessalonians 5:18.
- [6] Righteous: Psalm 4:5, Colossians 1:14, Philippians 1:11, II Corinthians 5:21.
- [7] Joy: Psalm 27:5-6, Hebrews 12:2-3, I Peter 4:12.

Sonship: I John 1:9, I John 2:6, I John 3:1, Galatians 2:20, Galatians 1:4.

Soldiership: II Corinthians 10:4-5, Ephesians, 6:10-20.

Priesthood: I Peter 2:9, Revelation 1:6.

On Christ the solid Rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand....

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BOOKS — A LITTLE OF THIS & THAT

John Bunyan, though a man of very little formal education, but gifted with great originality and insight wrote many books, the most famous being the *Pilgrim's Progress*, the best allegory ever written. It depicts the struggles of the Christian. Other characters fill his book with how the believer walks the pilgrim's life. Indeed, probably the best book of all times, but the greatest book of all is the **King James Bible**.

Grace Abounding to the Chief of Sinners, one of the best and greatest autobiographies in the English language is another of Mr. Bunyan's works. It describes in vivid language and great detail his conviction of sin, his struggles against unbelief, his entrance into the meaning and comfort of the Holy Scripture, and much more than belongs to the realm of Christian experience. It also deals with his call to the Christian ministry, when he preached what he 'smartly did feel'. It is not too much to claim that, spiritually speaking, Bunyan's writings render him the greatest and most influential of the Puritans.

MOODY'S Notes From My Bible and Anecdotes & Illustrations by Dwight L Moody during his revival work. The power of anecdote and illustration to press home the truth into the hearts and minds of their hearers is largely utilized by preachers and teachers of to-day.

During the course of my reading, I have always tried to gather "nuggets" by the way, and make a note of them on the margins and blank leaves of my Bible. I have found it to be a useful habit, preserving for use many seed-thoughts and apt sayings that otherwise would have escaped my memory.

"Notes from My Bible" is the harvest of many years' gathering in this directions, and I want it to be distinctly understood that its contents are not claimed to be original. The flowers in this book have been called from many gardens. I would be glad to give full credit to the men in whom I am indebted, by attaching their names to the sayings; but I found that this could be done only very partially, and therefore decided to omit names in every instance.

Charles H. Spurgeon's *Morning and Evening Devotional* inspires the reader to Live and Walk the Christian life. Actually reading it daily will help build you up, spiritually speaking. It can change you into a better Christian. His Morning and Evening contains KJB verses. Editor's Note: Unfortunately the publisher, later on, changed the scriptures to other versions. So you might want to find the older printings of Spurgeon's devotional, or at least check to see what version is being used. That really goes for other books that are written today.

There is a little book of 56 pages entitled "*The Trail of Blood*" written by J. M. Carroll. It follows the Christians Down Through the Centuries... or the History of Baptist Churches From the Time of Christ, Their Founder, to the Present Day.

Dr. J. M. Carroll, the author of this book, was born in the state of Arkansas, January 8, 1858, and died in Texas, January 10, 1931. He wrote the book after he was 70 years old. Editor's Note: We are never too old to serve God, serving in the capacity that God allows us to do, whether it be in good health or poor.

The Royal Gem Series *Kept For the Master's Use* by Francis Ridley Havergal. Contents: Our Lives Kept for Jesus; Our Hands Kept for Jesus; Our Feet Kept for Jesus; Our Voices Kept for Jesus; and more. She wrote: "Holy Father, let thy loving Spirit guide the hand that writes, and strengthen the heart of every one who reads what shall be written, for Jesus' sake." Other books by this author are The Royal Invitation; Royal Commandments; Royal Bounty; and My King. Printed in the United States.

INSPIRATION

By Sushannah J. Townsend

In the Book of Genesis we read about Adam and Eve in the garden. Eve and Adam took the fruit of the tree of Knowledge and Good and Evil. They committed a sin and tried to hide it from God, but you can't hide anything from God. He is all-knowing.

In II Timothy 3:16 we read "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." The verse is true. The Bible instructs us in what to do and what not to do. The outcome of what we do or don't do can either be good or bad. —Sushannah Jasmine Townsend



Family

God first, and everything else falls into place. Without God, we cannot have the peace that passeth all understanding.

The *family altar* will alter many a family.

Keeping peace in the family requires patience, love, and much understanding.

Happy laughter and family voices in the home will keep more kids off the streets at night than the strictest curfew.

No one can become a Christian on his own terms.

A family that prays together learns about God's abounding grace.

Gratitude to God should be as regular as our heart beat.

It isn't what you have in your pocket that makes you thankful, but what you have in your heart.

Hope for the best, be ready for the worse.

A Christian has not lost the power to sin, but the desire to sin.

EPESIANS 6:1

Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

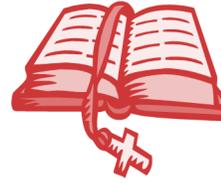
EPESIANS 6: 10

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

TESTING FROM ABOVE

By Mrs. Linda K. Townsend

I FORGET



My husband asked me to write an article, and he entitled it I FORGET.

To be honest, I didn't want to write this article because of the subject matter, and it's about me, but he said it might help someone. So here goes....

It was just little things at first that became bigger things. We all forget where we put our car keys, don't we? But it became quite often for me.

Math used to come easy to me (without a calculator). Then I realized it wasn't an easy task like before. I couldn't add up the hours on the Time Cards easily. It became frustrating to do so. Then came the thought pattern changes; inserting the wrong words and/or not finishing my sentences. I'd travel to my Empty Spaces for a minute or so; blank — without thoughts.

My life changed. I lost a lot of hearing and my balance became funny at times, but not really funny at all. I couldn't/cant walk in a straight line. I would not be able to pass a Sobriety Test. Ha! Ha!

I ended up seeing an ear specialist. Tests were done on my hearing/balance. He concluded that I have poor blood circulation in my brain caused by all the TIA's I've had since 2014 (the same year I was diagnosed with Gastroparesis Disease).

An MRI showed the white matter deep within my brain is causing DEMENTIA. I was not prepared for this diagnosis. But it explains all the changes I am experiencing. It seems to be slowly getting a little worse nowadays.

My motto is ONE DAY AT A TIME. Spending time with God is so important in my journey. Dementia is a challenge! My short term memory is effected. Nowadays, I simply forget! —Sis. Linda.

PSALM 46:1
God *is our* refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

PSALM 46:10
Be still, and know that I am God:....

PSALM 90:1-17

LORD, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou *art* God.
Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.
For a thousand years in thy sight are *but* as yesterday, when it is past, and *as a* watch in the night.
Thou carriest them away as with a flood: they are *as a* sleep: in the morning *they are* like grass *which* growth up.
In the morning it flourisheth, and growth up; for the evening it is cut down, and witherto.
For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled.
Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret *sins* in the light of thy countenance.
For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale *that is told*.
The days of our years *are* threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength *they be* fourscore years, yet *is* their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.
Who knoweth the power of thine anger? Even according to thy fear, so *is* thy wrath.
So teach *us* to number our days, that we may apply *our* hearts unto wisdom.
Return, O LORD, how long? And let it repent thee concerning thy servants.
O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Make us glad according to the days *wherein* thou hast afflicted us, and the years *wherein* we have seen evil.
Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.
And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

BIBLE STUDY I AM

I jotted a number of verses down the other afternoon. The next thing I knew is that it became a Bible Study and turned into a Message that I entitled I AM for one of my Wednesday night sermons which you can listen to Live on Facebook dated June 24, 2020 under the Concord Baptist Church site. —Bro. Frank Townsend.

Exodus 3:14
St. John 8:58
Isaiah 43:3, 11; 45:15, 21; 49:26
Hosea 13:4
St. Luke 2:11
St. John 4:42
Acts 5:31
Acts 13:23
Philippians 3:20
I Timothy 1:1
I Timothy 4:10
Titus 1:4, 2:13, 3:4; 3:6.
II Peter 1:1, 11
II Peter 2:20
I John 4:14
Jude verse 25.

Study to shew thyself approved....

Devotional

POETRY

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King.

Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect, and use
Every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart; it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure-store.

Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.

(Taken from Kept for the Master's Use)

Q How can you have faith in the Bible unless you know what is in it?

The Bible is most helpful when it is OPEN.

U Carrying the Bible will NEVER take the place of reading it.

O We should study the Bible as a privilege not as a duty.

t Study the Bible to be wise, believe it to be safe, practice to be holy.

e Brains are what a man looks for in a wife, after not using any in selecting one.

S Noah was the first business man mentioned in the Bible. He floated a company at a time when the rest of the world was under liquidation.

The Bible admonishes us to love our neighbors, and also to love our enemies — probably because they are generally the same people.

Go to your Bible regularly, open it prayerfully, read it expectantly, live it JOYFULLY.

Men do not reject the Bible because it contradicts itself, but because it contradicts them.

Let God talk to you from His word, and talk to Him in prayer. (From Golden Nuggets).

Many a family argument has been saved by the doorbell or telephone.

It is far better to forgive and forget than to hate and remember.

Some folks sense of humor doesn't make sense.

Advise to the bride groom: No matter how she treats you always look a little hurt.

The sword of the Spirit never becomes dull from use.

A diet is what you keep putting off while you keep putting on.

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PSALM 122:6

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

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