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"The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it." Psalms 68:11.

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GOD THE EXTREMIST

by Rev. Orlow Webb

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However, there is another side to the text and that is "His Severity." God is a God of wrath, judgment, and punishment. Nobody, and I say nobody, is as severe as God.

We have had men like Mussolini, Hitler, Ho Chi Min, and Khrushchev, and now have some such as Mao-Tse-Tung, and Castro. They in their heartless dealings to mankind have not been as severe as God in His punishment, for He is the Extremist.

Behold, notice, look into the scripture — for God's severity is seen in verse 8 as permitting a spiritual sleep. "God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear."

God has put out their spiritual eyes until they cannot see restitution. If one has restitutions to make and can see, then they had better get busy and make them, for some have waited and waited, put off and put off, until God allowed a spirit of slumber (eyes that they should not see).

Zacchaeus declared, "If I've done anything wrong, I'll restore it four-fold." (Restitution) One woman was saved and the Holy Spirit put his finger on an unpaid water bill 35 years old. It had to be paid in order for her to keep her spiritual eyesight.

Their eyes are being put out to true honesty. The statement has been said quite often, which must have come from Satan himself, "It

doesn't matter what you believe, just as long as you're sincere in what you believe." It does make all the difference in the world in what we're sincere.

Saul of Tarsus was sincere when he was persecuting the church, but that didn't make it right. Stalin's daughter, after coming to the U. S. said, "All roads lead to heaven." That just isn't true. The inference is left that just as long as one is sincere, he will make it to heaven. One can be sincere and at the same time be wrong.

God in His severity has also burst their eardrums (ears that they should not hear). Some no longer hear the truth. They have listened to compromised preaching, and sat under liberal professors until that's what they want. They've heaped to themselves teachers, having itching ears. They tickle their fancy, pat them on the back, and excuse and overlook their wrongs. Now the truth is no longer being heard.

In fact, some no longer hear the checks of the Spirit. Some were reprov'd time and time again, but they stifled and overrode the checks until now things are being done which used to bring condemnation. They hear not the directions of the Spirit for their spiritual eardrums are burst.

In verse 9 God's severity is shown as permitting the legitimate to become sin (And David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumblingblock, and a recompence unto them).

"Their table" stands for their material prosperity. God has allowed the riches of the world (v. 12) to be the downfall of the Jews. The statement has been made more than

once that "everything the Jew touches turns to gold." It has been their ruin rather than their blessing.

Rothschild, a Jew of some years back, was such a money wizard and mathematical genius that he, in his shrewdness, nearly gained control of the money system of the entire world.

Today God in His severity has permitted the legitimate to become sin. Some people's homes have become sin, because they are robbing God of tithes and offerings in order to pay for it. God was faithful to reprove them, but they paid not attention and the legitimate has become sin.

For some, their jobs have become a sin. A job certainly is legitimate and necessary. At the same time God has been faithful to reprove of Sabbath desecration, yet some shrink under the demands of the boss at the mill and continue working on the Lord's day.

For some, their church has become a sin. Church going is legitimate and right as long as it is the right one. For one to sit under a liberal, compromising, sceptical modernist who would try to undermine the cardinal teachings and standards of God's word, and not leave such an atmosphere, he is marking the ruination of his soul. God permits the legitimate to become sin.

Also, in verse 10 God's severity is seen in the words "bow down their back away." That is to say, bow down their back continuously and without interruption.

No doubt Mussolini and Hitler in

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Is there a place for patriotism in the dedicated Christian's devotion? This question becomes increasingly relevant as Americanism becomes increasingly unpopular. There was a time when the whole world looked up to America and showered flowers at her shrine. She gave the world reason for such appreciation. But now in many areas riots have replaced roses. American diplomats visit foreign countries at their own risk. Unruly youth in Paris recently greeted a group of touring Americans with chants of, "American, go home." This attitude of "down with America" is widespread but unfortunately it is not confined to foreign soil. There are mad hordes in our own borders who cry, "Down with the Establishment," and who are working to burn it down, break it down, shoot it down, loot it down, scare it down, and spend it down. Such developments as these demand an answer to our question.

Suppose we answer in the negative, as some have. They say that there is no place for patriotism in a Christian American, that it is a divided devotion, that love of God and love of country don't mix. First we must understand the term patriotism. It is defined as love for or devotion to one's country. Underlying it is the foundation of appreciation. One's country involves more than its "rocks and rills," its "woods and templed hills." It includes the form and type of government, a country's leaders, its history and heritage. Patriotism involves all of these. Let's examine the thought that patriotism produces a divided devotion. Do you not own a house? Do you not spend effort, time and money in repairing and preserving that shelter? But do you deny that you are a home-owner? Does having a roof over your head when it rains

and a place to thaw out in the winter detract from your spirituality? Does having a place to keep your wife and rear your children lessen your love for Jesus Christ? Better yet, does a wife and children dampen your devotion to Him? You say, "How foolish." Then do you not appreciate the shelter of the Constitution, the protection of the Bill of Rights? Dare you deny that you are an American? Do not the laws and statutes that provide our freedom demand some effort, time and money to preserve those same freedoms? This is patriotism and can it not be accomplished without detracting from our spirituality? I think so.

And so we answer the question in the positive. Christians can be patriots. Jesus said, "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's." Paul tell us to honor and respect those who have the rule over us in government, to view them as filling a Divinely-appointed office. God puts a premium on law and order and therefore ordains civil government to that end. Even in the face of a no doubt hostile government, Peter exalts the position of rulers. Christian character demands submission. Christians have nothing to do with the law but to obey it.

Christians of all people ought to be patriots. Think of the forces that are effecting the destruction of our country. There is a God-less, anti-Christ core of communists who inspire much of the present day turmoil. It is the infiltration and influence of this core that has sold us down the river, made us easy on our enemies, emptied our Treasury, clouded our thinking and demoralized our society. Then there are the conscious and unconscious agents of this communist core. In this category are the popular singers with their drug and sex-oriented albums selling in the millions. Here are easily-swayed and easily-bribed poli-

ticians, wishy-washy, name-conscious, reputation-drugged misrepresentatives of the people. Here are the blind, rioting masses, pawns and tools of violent revolutionaries. Here are our puppy-dog, gullible, public educators who follow every educational fad and eat every scientific theory. Here are the servants of hell who have reasoned away the virgin birth and Deity of Jesus Christ, blasphemed against the Holy Ghost and who think that they have buried God and mythologized His

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TOPIC: Holiness and Duty

Holiness increases the sense of duty and personal responsibility. It was the holiness of His heart that led the twelve-year-old boy Jesus to say to his mother, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" To Him the world was not a playground only, but a field of labor. His Father had given Him work to do, and He must do it before the night came in which no man can work. Jno. 9:4.

By this I do not understand that He was continually engaged in ceaseless, grinding toil, with no hours of recreation and rest. We know that in after years He went away with His disciples to rest awhile. He took time to enjoy the flowers, to consider the lilies, to watch the sparrows, to view the grass of the field. But He neglected no duty; He did not slight or shirk His work; He was no trifler; He was honest; what He did He did well, and with His might. And this spirit always accompanies true holiness of heart.

Most people divide the work of the world into what they call sacred and secular work. Preaching, praying, reading the Bible, conducting meetings, and the like, they consider to be sacred work; but washing and ironing and learning, building houses and making shoes, practicing law or medicine, working in mines and mills, in shops and stores, and on shipboard, that they call secular work.

But why such a distinction? It is

not the work, but the heart and purpose behind the work. The Salvation Army Officer, or minister, or missionary who works for the salary he gets, or for the social position he enjoys, or for an opportunity for study and travel and personal culture, has a secular heart; while the farmer or lawyer, washerwoman or cook, shoemaker or miner, or stenographer who has a holy heart, and who does good work as unto the Lord, makes his work sacred.

The time was when a man built his own house, made his own shoes, sheared his own sheep, and gave the wool to his wife, who dyed it, spun and wove it, and made it into clothes for her household. He raised corn and meat, and prepared it for food, and so they lived independent of the world on the fruits of their own toil. But times have changed. Society is now a great organism in which there are a thousand different occupations, and people must needs divide the work between them. And now God wants each to be faithful and holy and happy where he is, doing his own work faithfully as Jesus would do it.

A poor German woman in Massachusetts used to say, "I am a scrubbing-woman and a missionary by the grace of God." She went to the homes of the rich to scrub and clean, and she testified of Jesus everywhere she went. She scrubbed to pay expenses, and preached the Gospel, and she scrubbed well that the Gospel might not be despised or blamed.

They tried to arrest Paul in Damascus after his conversion, but he was let down through a window by the wall in a basket, and so es-

caped. Someone has said that possibly one of the early Christians made the rope that held the basket, and that by making a good rope; he saved Paul's life; and so in his humble way, without knowing it, helped in all the mighty missionary labors and salvation warfare of Paul. But what if he had carelessly made a poor rope, that had broken with Paul?

We know not what part of our work God is going to use in His plans for saving the world; therefore, let it all be good and true.

We are God's tools. He is the Workman. I took an axe to cut down a tree; but I took a tiny gimlet to bore a hole in a piece of furniture I wished to mend. I could not cut down the tree with the gimlet, nor bore the hole with the axe, and yet both pieces of work were important. So the Lord has different kinds of work, for which He must have different kinds of workmen.

The General stirs the world and lifts it towards God. You, perhaps, teach a few ragged boys. Do not despise your work or be discouraged. You are as important to God as the gimlet was to me. Do your duty. Do it as though Jesus were in the class you teach, by the bench where you work, in your kitchen, office, store, or mill. Do it without murmuring. Do it gladly, and He may take it up, and make it a part of His great plan, long after you have laid it down, as He did the rope which saved Paul. Never mind what your work is. Moses tended sheep. Jesus was a carpenter. Paul was a tent-maker. Gideon was a farmer's man. Dorcas was a dressmaker; Martha a housekeeper; Luke a doc-

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Assoc., Centerville, Pa.
Aug. 7 - 9, Pl. View Chapel, Belle-
fonte, Pa.

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eral musical instruments and
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Camp
July 27 - Aug. 2, Reserved (Penns
Creek Camp)

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July 29 - Aug. 9, Oakland Mills, Pa.
(E. M. Camp)

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CAMP MEETINGS

Richland Camp Meeting

Richland, New York
August 6 - 16

Evangelists: Rev. J. Percy True-
blood, Hartford, N. C.; Rev. H.
Robb French, Hobe Sound,
Fla.; Rev. Glenn Griffith, Phoe-
nix, Arizona.

Song Evangelists: Rev. and Mrs.

Maurice Schenck.
Youth: Rev. Levi Whisner.
Platform manager and Information:
Rev. Russell Buchanan,
21 Adams Ave.,
Endicott, N. Y. 13760.

Reformed Free Methodist Old Time Camp Meeting, Flatwoods, Pa.

Five miles S. of Perryopolis, Two
Miles E., off Rt. 51
July 23 - Aug. 2

Evangelists: Winfield Poe and
others.

Information: Alton Balderson, 1175
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Delaware County Camp Meeting

U.S. 35, S.E. of Muncie, Ind.
July 30 - Aug. 9

Evangelists: H. E. Darnell, L. W.
Barbee

Song Evangelists: Rev. and Mrs.
Howard Williams

Youth: Robert and Betty Jo Luther
Information: Roy Lewis, Rt. 1,
Albany, Ind. 47320

Home Missionary News

Herman Noll, reporter

The Home Missionary Board was on the prowl this past spring and here are some of the reports. This reporter did not attend the services held at Bucks Valley, Shamokin, Salisbury, Pillow, and Spring Garden because of other commitments but we want to express our hearty thanks for the fine cooperation shown in these meetings. The Lord bless the pastors that labor in these named churches.

The report for the meeting at Sunbury was sent in earlier and this report is intended to cover the past several meetings. On May 20th we received a great welcome at the Berwick Church where Rev. Melvin Evans is the pastor. After song and prayer Bro. Cooley gave a stirring report of the operations that have been successful for the Lord this current year. Bro. Marlin Stahl delivered the message challenging us with the thought that there can not be any Home Missions without revival and the recipe for revival. It was a wonderful message enjoyed

by all. There is a fine spiritual people who worship at Berwick. Pray for them. On the 23rd, we traveled to the Bermudian church at Bermudian where Rev. Marlin Baum is the pastor. Bro. Cooley had charge of the service. Bro. Stahl and this reporter gave several remarks. The Penn View School male quartet were present, stopping on their way to another service and the songs they sang did bless the service as we all rejoiced with them as they sang praises unto the Lord. It was wonderful.

Rev. Larry Slavens, Home Missions Superintendent, gave us some challenging truths concerning home Missions. All present enjoyed his ministry. Thanks, Bermudian!

On May 27th we traveled to the Wayside Bible Mission where Bro. Raymond Hoffman greeted us. The crowd extended a tremendous welcome to us and what a crowd it was. Some folks traveled in for this service for miles and the Lord did meet with us.

Bro. Marlin Stahl led in the song service and also gave the reports. After the ministry, Bro. Hoffman took charge and a wonderful offering was received. Thanks to Wayside. The spirit of fellowship was wonderful. Our thanks again to the above mentioned churches for their open doors and the Spiritual and financial responses they granted to us. The Lord bless them for their response to Missions. These were great times of fellowship.

In Home Missionary endeavor, remember, the best men are not those who are brilliant, not those who draw the biggest crowds, but those who are drawn to the destitute and neglected. Some of the men and women who are the salt of our time are not known in print of newspaper but are known in the needed gospel work areas.

"DO UNTO OTHERS. . ."

It doesn't matter who you are,
Or what you have to do.
If you give of your very best,
The best returns to you.
A law of compensation works,
We get just what we earn,
If we love others with our hearts,
We get love in return;
The little things we sometimes do,
For others day by day,
Return quite unexpectedly,
In some peculiar way.

Be Thankful For Your Freedom

by Rudolfs Krafts

How much will this year mean to you?

How much will it mean that, when the church bells ring, you are free to worship? How much will it mean that you are free to read your Bible, to go about your business substantially as you please, to rear your family in safety?

Perhaps our present year will be much more meaningful if you imagine yourself — as I was — a Lutheran pastor in Latvia in 1940. The black day comes when the Communists sweep in upon your country, and in hours your city and your own neighborhood have been transformed.

Soon fierce and widespread religious persecution begins. Your Christian papers are banned and even the sale of Bibles is prohibited. No money can be 'wasted' on 'religious propaganda,' you are told.

No one knows why your churches are taxed 75 per cent more than any other agency. But when such tactics do not close them down, the churches are gradually taken over for use in 'educating' the people.

Your own church is closed and turned into a theater, your congregation scattered. Many of your friends are arrested, murdered or deported. Fear grips your heart, especially for your loved ones.

Those fears are justified. One winter day when your wife is sick and a new baby but a few days old demands your care, you are put out of your parsonage.

What of your friends and neighbors? They are forbidden to help you — you are a minister, an enemy of the people. Yet you pray and God sends you those who hazard their own safety to give you aid.

Others fare much worse. Some of your fellow ministers are killed; others are buried alive. Many are forced to dig their own graves.

Christian holidays like Christmas and Easter are wiped from your calendar — declared to be mere working days. But though the Communists want the people to forget,

some sing Christmas carols still — in a whisper, for fear of Soviet police.

But the Communist grasp grows tighter. A heavy income tax is levied on you along with other ministers, church officials and Christian workers. No government employee can be a member of the church. Sunday Schools are closed and your children taught that there is no God — that God, indeed, has never existed. They are told to worship Stalin.

One afternoon a friend whispers a furtive warning. You hurry home and leaving behind all your possessions flee with your family to the forest. And none too soon. That night whole families are ordered by the Communists to the railroad stations. Husbands are separated from their wives and made to board trains for Siberia. Children are taken from their parents and loaded into separate cars — some to starve before release.

But by God's providence you and your family live and somehow see the day when you gaze toward the shores of the United States — the land of the hopes and dreams of every displaced person. And then you know real thankfulness.

You step ashore and marvel at your freedom. Under Communism you could not change your residence, you could not travel, you could not own land or change your work or demand a trial by jury.

Thank God you have been spared these things, as my family and I thank Him that we have been permitted to make this country our new home. Thank God for your freedom.

Americans above all should be thankful. And Christians who know the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ should be the most thankful of all Americans. As you gather with your family and friends this year, as your church doors are open wide, remember this, Pray for your country — and for those to whom freedom is only a dream, a far-off hope.

Remember, too, that freedom must be guarded. If anti-Christian Communism has its way, we will not have our freedom, the Bible, the right to worship God or the Christian church in our America.

Some time ago I was asked, "How long will America remain free?"

"It depends on you," I answered. "The people — including you — will decide the future of America!"

The Consecration of Jonathan Edwards

Selected

I claim no right to myself — no right to this understanding, this will, these affections that are in me; neither do I have any right to this body or its members — no right to this tongue, to these hands, feet, ears, or eyes.

I have given myself clear away and not retained anything of my own. I have been to God this morning, and I told Him I have given myself wholly to Him. I have given every power, so that for the future I claim no right to myself in any respect. I have expressly promised Him, for by His grace I will not fail. I take Him as my whole portion and felicity, looking upon nothing else as any part of my happiness. His law is the constant rule of my obedience.

I will fight with all my might against the world, the flesh, and the devil to the end of my life. I will adhere to the faith of the Gospel, however hazardous and difficult the profession and practice of it may be.

I receive the blessed Spirit as my Teacher, Sanctifier, and only Comforter, and cherish all monitions to enlighten, purify, confirm, comfort, and assist me. This I have done.

I pray God, for the sake of others, to look upon me as a self-dedication, and receive me as His own. Henceforth I am not to act in any respect as my own. I shall act as my own if I ever make use of any of my powers to do anything that is not to the glory of God, or to fail to make the glorifying of Him my whole and entire business.

If I murmur in the least at afflictions; if I am in any way uncharitable; if I revenge my own case; if I do anything purely to please myself; or omit anything because it is a great denial; if I trust to myself; if I take any praise for any good which Christ does by me; or if I am in any way proud, I shall act as my own and not God's. I purpose to be absolutely His.

A PAGE FOR YOUTH

What Are You In the Dark?

by Carl Johnson

Headlines blare — "TEENAGERS COMMIT BIZZARE CRIME . . ." You cluck your tongue, then you notice the pictures of the teenagers. They're friends of yours. Hardly the hoodlum kind. In fact, they're as normal as you are. That's what bites.

It sets you thinking. You are what you are when no one's looking. You, an average teenager with all the normal desires thumping around inside you, are either tending toward right or leaning toward evil. Inside, you're developing the real you.

Jesus said, "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witnesses, blasphemies" (Matthew 15:19). He pointed out the reality of a man's inner life acting as a causative to shape man's outer life.

Charles Whitman, the young man who sniped down 14 victims from the Texas tower after killing his wife and mother, was 'good ol' Charlie,' 'would not hurt a flea' Charlie. Yet, a Texas college campus was strewn with bodies of victims.

What happened?

Something snapped. We find out Charles Whitman was moving through society like a charged package of T.N.T. Something snapped, there was an explosion and human bodies piled up.

Such violence from an unlikely source makes us uneasy. It causes us to look at the normal flow of humanity with a new look. Then we take a new look at ourselves, our own subtleties, hypocrisies, and evasions.

Maybe we can profit from the lessons learned on page one in the daily news. How? Consider some basic tips on complete Christian living.

1. Learn how to handle your alone-

ness. Forest rangers, lighthouse guardians, nightwatchmen, prison guards and others in similar occupations learn to live with stark aloneness. Begin to handle your aloneness by a simple awareness of God. "Alone with God" is more than an expression, it's a way of life. Lost in God, you can get your self off your hands. Solitude with God can teach you lessons which range out into the main swell of human existence.

2. Realize that phantasy easily leads to perversion. You can choose to live in an impure world of thought but you can't choose the consequence, impure action. Eventually the impurity will work its way from the subterranean caverns up to the motivating area.

3. Keep a camera focused on your inner life. Imagine a camera following you every minute of every day. Then expand this mental picture to imagine the film being sent to the person you like the least. Kinda makes you wince, doesn't it?

4. Shun the necessity of deception. As Phillips Brooks once said, "Keep clear of concealment. It is an awful hour when the first necessity of hiding comes. The whole life is different thenceforth, when there are questions to be feared and eyes to be avoided and subjects which must not be touched. Then the bloom of life is gone."

5. Pack the inner caverns with Scripture. "Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against Thee" is good affirmation.

6. Analyze what gratifications you seek. With Jim Elliot, the martyred missionary to the Auca Indians, do you seek the A.U.G. degree, Approved Unto God?

7. Surrender your entire life to God, caverns and all. To change the image, consider the words of D. L. Moody, "It is amazing what God can do with broken vessels, providing He gets all the pieces."

8. Breathe deeply the clean air of consistency. To square your shoulders and face God and man without shifty glances, you must be living a consistent relationship with God and man.

9. Finally, keep searchlights probing your inner man daily. Much like aim number three, this aim goes a step farther. Ask God to probe into your trouble areas and uncover your hidden motivations and weaknesses. Then, face the reality of the uncovering, and walk in newness of commitment and discipline.

What are you in the dark? Remember, if you once start covering up a secret life, you'll have a full time job brushing away all your tracks. The double life leaves you guilt-ridden and self-condemning, open to all Satan's wiles.

In a planet suffering a blackout, be a light that shines with eternal fire and calls others to God. Great possibilities, being a light.

Teenage Ten Commandments (Worldling-style)

1. Thou shalt have no other gods than acceptance.
2. Thou shalt not enter the name of religion into the crowd's hearing.
3. Thou shalt not be a weak-kneed sister in thy expressions, but shall express thyself graphically until blue clouds billow from thy mouth.
4. Remember the Sabbath day to have a blast.
5. Dishonor thy father and mother. Call them 'the old man,' and 'the old lady,' or 'old fogies.'
6. Thou shalt not be a kill-joy, a spoil-sport.
7. Thou shalt not squeal on a fellow-teenager, but shall remain faithful — and clam-like.
8. Thou shalt not be squeemish about 'borrowing' answers from another's paper.
9. Thou shalt not bear high-hatted honesty, but shall come down and live where we live — shade the truth.
10. Thou shalt not observe any law but survival of the fittest — what's his is yours if you can get it.

The Road Has Not Ended Yet!

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by love serve one another."

One writer observes, "As you give love, you will have love."

In the life of Clara Barton, her generosity to the many wounded and ill soldiers during the war, and the poor needy families at home during time of peace was rewarded by the high positions and responsibilities given her. Her image still symbolizes love, courage, and helpfulness.

We must seek to be generous, unselfish creatures in all phases of life!

In the future, many tests and trials will confront us. Perhaps even dangers shall cross our paths. At these times we will need much courage. It has been stated, "A man without courage is a knife without an edge. He will not cut his way to success." Endurance shall be the necessity during times of depression and disappointment. Of course, there are prone to be times of difficulty, but we must keep plugging away, trusting in God, and never admit defeat. Let us follow the example of Abraham Lincoln in courage and endurance.

In 1831, Abraham Lincoln failed in business. He was defeated in legislature in 1832 and failed in business in 1833. Fortunately, in 1834 he was elected to legislature, but in 1835 his sweetheart died and in 1836 he had a nervous breakdown. Lincoln was defeated for speaker in 1838, defeated for elector in 1840, and defeated for Congress in 1843. Then in 1846, he was elected for Congress. Trying again for Congress, he was defeated in 1848. In 1855, he was defeated for the Senate, in 1856 he was defeated for vice-president, and in 1858 was again defeated for the Senate. However, he never gave up and finally was elected for president in 1860. He proved to be a very efficient ruler, despite all his defeats.

Let us be as zealous as Lincoln, never retreating on the road to victory. This road will eventually lead to Heaven — our only goal.

Let me close with a favorite poem

which illustrates what I have been saying tonight:

The Road Not Taken

by Robert Frost

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood;
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveller, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same;

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black,
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I —
I took the one less travelled by,
And that has made all the difference.

Camp Meeting Beatitudes

C. T. Matthews

1. Blessed are the campers who arrive early to share in the feast of good things.

2. Blessed are the folks who accept the lodging offered by the staff without complaint.

3. Blessed are those who eat joyfully what is set before them.

4. Blessed are the folks who pray incessantly and do not indulge in needless chatter.

5. Blessed are the early risers and intercessors, for they are the pillars of the camp meeting.

6. Blessed are the preachers who testify and do not preach in the praise services.

7. Blessed is the camp meeting board that gives proper place to missions.

8. Blessed is the evangelist who

preaches holiness without needless appendages.

9. Blessed are the musicians who play in the Spirit.

10. Blessed is the soloist who sings in the Spirit and with understanding.

11. Blessed are those who have an interest in the youth, for they are the future constituency of the camp.

Ten Teen Commandments

by Walter E. Isenhour

I. Don't let your parents down; they brought you up.

II. Be humble enough to obey; you may give orders some day.

III. Choose companions with care; you become what they are.

IV. Choose only a date
Who would make a good mate.

V. Guard your thoughts; what you think, you are.

VI. Be master of your habits, or they will master you.

VII. Don't be a show-off when you drive;
Drive with safety and arrive.

VIII. Don't let the crowd pressure you. Stand for something, or you'll fall for anything.

IX. Go to church faithfully; make the week's first steps the church steps.

X. To Christ be always true; He gave His all for you.

"FLASHLIGHTS"

by Frey

A pampered church member is like a rotten egg . . . you dare not keep it, and you dare not throw it away.

If you have no joy in your religion there is something wrong with it.

If God has called you, don't spend time looking over your shoulder to see who is following you.

Kindness has converted more sinners than either zeal, eloquence or learning.

The day that prayer dies in a man's soul he commits spiritual suicide.

Little sins are the pioneers of hell.



Missionary Message

Who Wouldn't Be A Missionary?

by Bonnie Cleaver

Matthew 10:25 "It is enough for the disciple that he be as his Master." In my services during the past months different ones have come to me and asked, "Why did you ever decide to be a missionary?" or "Why did you want to go to Africa?" My answer to them is always the same. I did not just choose or decide to go as a missionary or to go to Africa. GOD CALLED ME! And because I loved Him more than anything else in the world I went in obedience to His blessed will. I can always tell by the odd questions that people ask that they rather think that missionaries are peculiar. Let us look at this statement a while.

Why are Missionaries considered peculiar? First of all because they will leave the comforts of home to live in a thatched roof hut with no electricity in some far away heathen land. Because they will forsake Father, Mother, and friends . . . perhaps never to see them again, to go to a people of a strange language who worship demons and sacrifice their loved ones to devils. Because they will give up a paying position and prosperous careers here in America to labor among people who are sickly, poor and degraded. Because they will go through heartache, sorrow, trials and temptations in a land miles from home and want to stay there in His will even if it means death for His glory.

Why Do Missionaries Do It? The answer is found in the Scriptures. "It is enough for the disciple to be as his Master." Yes it is enough to be like Him. To live as He did. Jesus was the first missionary and He came to this heathen world of darkness to be our Saviour. We were the heathen then and He came as our missionary. Therefore a missionary can leave his home because Jesus left His home and His Father, all the glory of heaven and where the angels sang His praises continually.

A missionary can give up money and position because He gave up all of the riches of glory and became poor that we might become rich. A missionary can suffer and go through trials because Jesus too was tempted, suffered, and went through trials that He might become our Great High Priest and intercede for us at the right hand side of the Father. A missionary can give his life for God's glory on a foreign mission field because Jesus died a terrible and despised death on Calvary that we might live through Him. Yes it is enough for the disciple who is a missionary to be as his Master.

What does it mean to be a missionary? It means a separation. It has always meant this and always will. Separation because you literally fulfill the command, "Go ye" and we go to the uttermost parts of the earth. A separation perhaps from marriage, a family, and a beautiful home which are legitimate if they are in His will. A separation that is of God for He said, "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and he that loveth daughter or son more than me is not worthy of me." It means an Aloneness, yet sacred fellowship. It means sometimes being alone and having no one to go to but Jesus. When you are sick, when you are discouraged, when you are frightened. Alone and yet not alone for He is with you. Jesus said to the disciples, "Ye shall leave me alone; and yet I am not alone because the Father is with me." John 16:32. Yes, the Father, the Son, and the blessed Holy Spirit are there when you need them. When one has preached for weeks and years with only being able to go into a civilized area perhaps once a year to hear someone else give a gospel message, when you only get to attend a camp meeting every four years, then you can go to Him Who said, "If a man love me he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we shall come unto him and make our abode

with him." Glory! Friendship with Jesus, fellowship divine!

What are the rewards of being a missionary? Thank God it is not all loneliness, trials, and temptations. The first reward is the blessedness of being in the center of the divine will of God. But there are real satisfactions in the life of a missionary. The satisfaction of giving the gospel to those who have never heard it before. To speak that sweet Name of Jesus to them and tell the Old, Old Story of His wondrous love. The satisfaction of having someone take your hand and say, "If you had not come to live here I would never have heard of Jesus, thank you for bringing His love to me." Of having shining faces of children look up to you who have been saved from a life of degradation and sin because they now know Him. Of hearing voices that once shrilled the curses of the devil now sing the praises of the Living God in their own language. Of seeing a man who has been cured by the Lord of cancer and hear him say, "You cared for my body and prayed and now I am well in body and soul." Of seeing children who would never have had the opportunity to learn to read and write their own names now quote the promises of God because you came and taught them. To see them reading the Word of God that tells them that He was not willing that any should perish.

All these are reasons why I say, "Who Wouldn't Want to Be a Missionary?" And you know what? There would be many more missionaries if there were more disciples who were willing to be as the Master. Don't ever feel sorry for missionaries. It is an honor and a privilege to be called of Him to publish the glad tidings in some far away land. Someone has said, "If God calls you to be a missionary don't stoop to become anything else." Why is it a high calling? Because it follows the supreme example of the Son of God. It is enough for us to be like the Master. Are you? John 20:21.

The Road Has Not Ended Yet!

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Marilyn Monroe was splashed across the front pages of newspapers and magazines all over the world. What caused this woman, possessing beauty, fame, and wealth to take her life? Did not fame and popularity bring the reward she desired?

As a young woman, Marilyn craved for happiness — a life unlike her childhood which consisted of orphanages, foster homes, and a great lack of affection, so vital to every child. Hollywood seemed to end her search — for it brought her much fame and a great amount of money. But as we can see, it brought only frustration, and in despair she committed suicide.

This byway does not only attract the ungodly people, but also some Christians. Often times, men striving to serve God seek to be recognized and praised instead of laboring from the heart in order to display humble, unseen service to God and every one with whom they come in contact.

Fame and popularity only bring despair and frustration. Let us strive for the higher goals which will give us happiness and real satisfaction. To find this, we must depend entirely upon God and seek His perfect will instead of turning to Hollywood and its fancies.

What about personal ambition? Is it safe to take this byway? In the life of Alexander the Great, this characteristic has been exemplified. He was even more ambitious than his father because he wept bitterly when he heard of Phillip's conquests and said, "My father will get ahead of me in everything, and will leave nothing great for me to do!"

Alexander had great dreams and vast plans; his kingdom included the whole then-known world. But suddenly he was taken seriously ill with malaria and died at the age of 33.

His personal ambition caused him to lose his temper and murder a close friend during a very heated quarrel. Ambitious people become quite destructive when greediness enters the ambition.

Christian education has been an asset to many persons. In the lives of Milton and Martin Luther, very learned men, who lived for Christ and others, education was profitable.

However, many centers of learning, founded by Christian men, have been transformed into secular colleges and universities. Today, education, in many cases, has put emphasis on materialistic gain. The motive of education has changed from — service to self. I Corinthians 8:1 says: "... knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth."

In one sense, Festus' words to Paul can be applied in the present day "... much learning doth make thee mad." It seems with more knowledge, strikes demanding higher wages are much more frequent. With greater education comes greater dissatisfaction if it is merely secular in its nature. People are being obsessed with knowledge and therefore are sidetracked from the true way and motive.

One byway which is very prevalent today is rebellion — and with that rebellion — riots. Even in the romantic age of England, 150 years ago, revolutionists were known. Lord Byron, an English poet, was a great revolutionist. But his last poem, written three months before his death at the age of 36, reveals the true picture of his life:

"My days are in the yellow leaf;
The flowers, and fruits of Love
are gone;
The worm, the canker, and the
grief
Are mine alone!"

Today, I'm sure that we each have heard about the great unrest in many phases of life. Liberty and peace is the great cry of the young people. They believe that protest is the answer. President Nixon has recently made the following statement: "When dissent turns to violence, it invites tragedy." Many lives have been rushed to a premature grave by this means. As we readily can see, rebellion is not the answer!

Drugs, also is an appealing byway. Disappointment in some area of home life, social life, or business has caused many young people to accept drugs and their supposedly rewarding "trips." For a short pe-

riod of time, their troubles are forgotten and they are in high spirits — willing to attempt anything.

These "trips" do not last forever; therefore, when the realization returns of the same previous problems, they desire "trips" more often and become drug addicts.

Michael Drury has said, "However long the journey, you've got to come back — or perish on the way."

Many of these byways may seem attractive, but let's remember, the Bible warns us — "the end thereof are the ways of death."

Let us, the seniors of 1970, travel the successful way — the road to victory.

Fervency in spirit is one very important requirement. Romans 12:11 tells us to be "... fervent in spirit; serving the Lord." I think of the apostle Paul as a fine example. Although beatings, imprisonments, and shipwrecks came, he determined to follow Christ and preach 'to the regions beyond.' He accomplished much on his three missionary journeys.

Spurgeon once said, " 'Always at it' wins the day. Perseverance conquers every difficulty by its dogged determination. He that will not be beaten cannot be beaten. He who keeps pegging away will do it sooner or later."

Humbleness is a great stepping stone on the road to victory.

Someone has said, "I believe the first test of a truly great man is his humility."

"It is no great thing to be humble when you are brought low; but to be humble when you are praised is a great and rare attainment."

"To be humble to superiors, is duty; to equals, is courtesy; to inferiors, is nobleness; and to all, safety; it being a virtue that for all its lowliness, commandeth those it slops to."

"He that places himself neither higher nor lower than he ought to do, exercises the truest humility."

"Truest humility makes way for Christ, and throws the soul at his feet."

Galatians 5:13 admonishes, "..."

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GOD THE EXTREMIST

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their severe punishings would let up or stop for a while, but God, after reproving and warning some people again and again, can only show His goodness in the truest respect by severe punishment to the disobedient. He bows down their back always, continually and without interruption.

The above statement says in substance that God paralyzes them until they cannot walk straight. Look at a cripple that's bent over. He couldn't straighten himself if he desired. So it is with some who have walked back of light, trifling with God. Now they couldn't walk straight if they desired. God has bowed down their back away.

Finally, in verse 15 God's severity is seen in that He cast them away. This He did to the Jewish people. You say, "That's unfair for God to do such a thing." Wait a minute. The Jews turned their back on God's Son and wouldn't accept Him as their Messiah. What else was God to do but cast them away.

In His severity, He is casting away forever. Yes, that's right that God will again reopen the doors of mercy and salvation to the Jewish nation, but remember for these nearly 2000 years the gutters have run freely with the blood of Jews who cried, "Let His blood be upon us and upon our children." Those who have died are cast away forever.

So it is with the vile, wretched, and sinful of all races. God will cast them away forever. He also will cast them into the lake of fire and brimstone. Matt. 25:46 says, "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment." Will God permit and allow people to be punished forever in everlasting fire? Yes, because He punishes severely.

In conclusion let it be repeated that God is the Extremist. Nobody, and I say nobody, has been, is now, or ever shall be as good as God. He is universally, personally and continually good. Praise His Name.

But forget not that He is also a God of severity. Nobody, and again I say nobody, has been, is now, or ever shall be as severe as God. For

in His severity, He permits a spiritual sleep, the legitimate to become sin, a bowing down of their back always, and a final casting away. Behold, God the Extremist!

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Book. Finally there are the misguided young people who ask no questions of right and wrong, who own no consciousness of moral and immoral, who act on devilish, depraved instinct. To not be patriotic is to identify oneself with such elements as these.

If then a Christian can and should be a patriot, to what degree should he be so? All loves and devotions must be subject to God, to our love for Christ. This is first; every interest must aid this one interest and be influenced by it as well. To be a patriot in this hour means to contend for those holy principles upon which this country was established and to oppose those forces seeking to undermine these principles. Our contention for righteousness will be in direct proportion to our love for God. Our opposition to unrighteousness will be in direct proportion to the same. Therefore if we ought to love God with all our heart, we ought to be thoroughly patriotic.

Finally we must readily acknowledge that it is better to obey God than man. If there is any conflict between the two, we must choose to go with God to heaven rather than to go with man to hell. Man's government must not usurp God's government but rather be subject to it. We do not worship government nor any system but we can honor and defend the principles and standards that made America great and pray God to preserve them and us yet a while longer.

Two Sides to Everything

"Freedom is like a coin," said Joseph R. Sizoo. "It has the word 'privilege' on one side and 'responsibility' on the other. It does not have privilege on both sides. There are too many today who want everything involved in privilege but refuse to accept anything that approaches the sense of responsibility.

Holiness Teachings

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tor; Joseph and Daniel were governors and statesmen; in every relation of life and in all duty they were faithful, or we should not have heard of them.

If you are true, you will adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things, you will have the sweet approval of your own conscience, the smile of God, and however humble your work may have been, if you are steadfast unto the end, you will someday hear Him say "Well done, 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." Hallelujah!

True promotion which is from God, both in this world and that which is to come, is the reward of faithfulness over little things and few, as well as over great and many, and if you have the experience of holiness you will be faithful.

You must not, however, be anxious about the reward. This is largely deferred into the next world. It is your duty and mine to be faithful, to be faithful unto death. If reward is delayed, it will be all the greater when it comes, be assured of that. God will see to it that your treasure which you lay up with Him bears compound interest. What a surprise to the man who made that rope, if he finds at the Judgement Day, that he had a share in the wealth piled up by Paul's labors!

There is one part of the reward, however, that is never delayed, that is, happiness and contentment and God's favor.

In the service which Thy love appoints,

There are no bounds for me;
My happy heart has learned the truth

That makes Thy children free;
A life of self-renouncing love
Is a life of liberty.

S. L. Brengle

Nothing is easier than fault-finding; no talent, no self-denial, no brains, no character, are required to set up the grumbling business.

The Road Has Not Ended Yet!

Editor's Note: The following was written and presented by Carol Kuhns as the high school valedictory address at Penn View Bible Institute on Graduates' Night, June 2. The good reception by the audience befits its contents and quality.

As we tread the uneven journey of life, many times we wonder what is the real purpose of existence. Is every life a success or are there a few complete failures? Can each individual really accomplish his own inclination or do great attainments happen by chance? What are the achievements of life in the Christian walk? In what ways do they differ from the achievements of the walk of the ungodly?

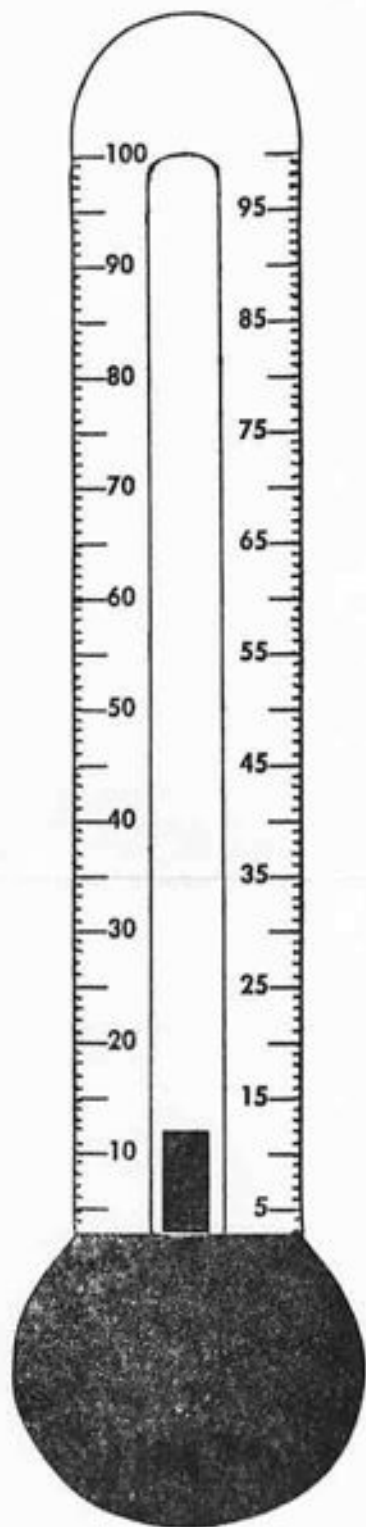
Perhaps one of the initial thoughts which high school students reflect upon when they anticipate their great day of commencement is the terrific accomplishment they look forward to fulfilling. They dream of the future happiness which they hope to attain. A beautiful home, a high income, an up-to-date automobile, and a wonderful family are only a few of the desires which seem to indicate happiness. However, these dreams very often collapse as life becomes a reality, with the making of many mistakes and great blunders. Too often people have given up, feeling that their lives have been complete failures, and that they have been ruined forever. But we seniors can have a better outlook on life. Trusting in Christ, we have a refuge for the times of severe trial and difficulty. We are beginning to take the most important steps of our lives — initial steps which will determine our future, the many years which lie ahead. We alone decide our course of travel. Do we want the smoothest and most glamorous road or would we rather take a more rugged and challenging pathway? The road we choose greatly determines our future!

The poet, Okenham puts it this way:

To every man there openeth,
A way, and ways, and a way.
And the high soul climbs the high way,
And the low soul gropes the low.

And in between on the misty flats
The rest drift to and fro.
But to every man there openeth
A high way and a low —
And every man decideth the way his
soul shall go.

The first thing I want to mention concerns the byways which lead to destruction. Proverbs 16:25 states: "There is a way that seemeth right



unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

I'm sure that not one of us relishes the idea of being poor throughout his entire life. We look forward to a pleasant job with a high salary.

For many persons, the day came when they occupied an office position, perhaps, that paid a reasonable rate. Very soon, the rate was not satisfactory, and they longed for higher wages. Finally, the higher salary for which their heart yearned was attained. But that did not satisfy!

In Proverbs 15:27, we read: "He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house. . . ." Money, although it is virtually impossible to live without, often causes many downfalls. In 1 Timothy 6:10, Paul speaks of the detriment of setting our affections upon it. "For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."

Money can either be beneficial or destructive. As one writer puts it: A vain man's motto is: "Win gold and wear it"; a generous, "Win gold and share it"; a miser's, "Win gold and hoard it"; a profligate's, "Win gold and spend it"; a broker's, "Win gold and lend it"; a gambler's, "Win gold and lose it"; a wise man's, "Win gold and use it." I'm sure that each of us has been told many, many times that money isn't everything. Therefore, taking the advice of our elders, we ought to avoid this byway. If at any time, one of us does become prosperous with lucre, let him appreciate his blessing in this way and use it wisely for the Lord and His work.

Spurgeon put it this way — "A hammer of gold will not open the gate of heaven. Money opens many of the gates of earth, for bribery is rife; but it has no power in the world to come. Money is more eloquent than ten members of parliament, but it cannot prevail with the great Judge."

How few of us like Daniel, have God and gold together!

Another area by which many persons meet disaster is that of fame and popularity. In August, 1962, the suicide of a famous actress,

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The House of a Thousand Terrors

by Montague Goodman

In the market place of Rotterdam, in Holland, there stood until recently a curious old corner house familiarly known to the inhabitants and to visitors by the striking name, "The House of a Thousand Terrors." I am going to tell you how it came by so strange a name and shall then leave you to judge whether it was not well earned.

The brave Dutch have had a thrilling history. No period of their national existence is more full of exciting incidents or absorbing interest than the 16th century. King Phillip II of Spain was lord of the land. A cruel and blood-thirsty tyrant, he no sooner came to power than he set himself to persecute the Dutch. Many thousands were tortured, maimed, imprisoned, their goods confiscated, and themselves banished from the realm.

At last the brave Dutch rose against their persecutors and a terrible war ensued, waged with perhaps more barbarous cruelty than any European war before or since. A great Spanish army invaded the land under the leadership of the Duke of Alva, a monster in human form.

He laid siege to city after city. His method was to demand the submission of the town before a certain hour, failing which he threatened to put all the inhabitants to the sword without mercy.

Rotterdam held out bravely, but at length through treachery the Spaniards gained an entrance and commenced their work of slaughter. Every house was broken into and the inhabitants massacred in cold blood.

Awaiting Death

At the house of which I wish to tell you there was a crowd of men, women, and children awaiting what appeared to them a certain and violent death. Other houses about them were being entered, and they could hear the dreadful work in progress on all sides.

A thousand terrors seized hold upon them. Their turn must come soon.

Suddenly one of their number springs up and hastily tells those about him a plan which has occurred to him. At any rate, say they, it is worth trying. A young kid is on the premises. With the knife from his belt the man proceeds to slay the poor beast. Its blood flows freely upon the floor of the hall. With a broom this is now swept under the door of the house, whence it runs with a crimson stain all about the forecourt and into the street beyond. And then with shutters closed and doors barred the inmates wait within. . . .

Strong men stand there in solemn silence, their lips moving in secret prayer to Him from whom alone could come help in their hour of peril.

See the Blood

Hark! The Spaniards are now approaching. The foremost of them is hammering at the door, demanding with a curse immediate entry. But now another voice is heard to this effect: "Come away, men, the work is already done there; see where the blood is streaming from beneath the door." Away down the street the soldiers pass, and the glorious truth comes home to those within the house that they are safe. The shed blood has saved them!

Shortly afterward the Spanish army is withdrawn, leaving behind them a city of the dead. Death has entered every house, but from the house of a thousand terrors there emerges a grateful company, safe and sound.

The goat had been slain, and they had trusted in its blood for their safety. How precious was that blood to them! It had saved them all from a sudden and violent death that must otherwise inevitably have overtaken every one of them.

The Precious Blood

Have you ever noticed these words in I Peter 1:19, "The precious blood of Christ"? Have you ever thought why Peter held the Blood of Christ so precious to him? It was for the same reason that the blood of the kid was precious to those men and women of Rotterdam. It had saved him from death. Peter, like those in "The House of a Thousand Terrors," was doomed to die — not like them, a cruel and unde-

served death at the hand of the enemy, but a death pronounced upon him by a just and holy God as the wages of his sins; for Peter was a sinner, and "the wages of sin is death." "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." "There is no difference, for all have sinned." You, too, as you read this, are under the sentence of death — the wages of your sin. But God, who is rich in mercy, "spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all." The blessed Lord Jesus bore the death your sins had merited. His precious blood flowed on Calvary for you and for me, and now "we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins" (Ephesians 1:7).

All around us, on every hand, death reigns, but in Christ there is life. Every sinner who takes shelter under His precious Blood is safe.

Christ has "made peace through the blood of his cross," and for the sake of the shed Blood, God proclaims peace to the worst sinner, and invites him to come just as he is, and be at peace with Him. If you have not yet done so, go to Him NOW, trusting His precious Blood, and be at peace with Him.

FAITH

Faith is the chief Gospel grace, the head of the graces. As gold among the metals, so is faith among the graces. Alexandrinus calls the other graces the daughters of faith. Indeed, in heaven, love will be the chief grace; but while we are here love must give place to faith; love takes possession of glory, but faith gives a title to it. Love is the crowning grace in heaven, but faith is the conquering grace upon earth. "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." — Watson

QUOTE BY ABRAHAM LINCOLN

We have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown, but we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity to pray to the God that made us.