A Meditation for Your Week

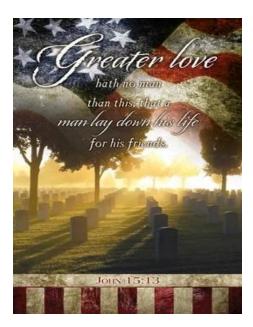
By J. R. Miller, 1895

"He has put a new song in my mouth!" Psalm 40:3

The ancient statue of Memnon was fabled to become musical, when the sun rose and the beams of morning light fell upon it. Just so, when the light of the gospel falls upon a darkened heart, it begins to sing. No wonder salvation gives joy! Only think of what we are saved from—the horrible pit of sin; and of what we are saved to—childship in God's family. Can we but rejoice, if we realize our full deliverance?

Every Christian should be a singer. If we cannot acquire the vocal art, we should at least sing and make melody in our heart unto the Lord. God wants to put a song into the mouth of every child of his. Our song should be one that nothing can check. Paul sang in prison with his feet fast in the stocks, and his back gashed with stripes. No trouble or pain should have power to hush the song in a Christian's heart.

Then, our lives themselves should be songs. We cannot all be poets, to write glad hymns of praise for others to sing; or singers, to thrill hearts by the sweetness of our voice; but we can live hymns and songs, and that is just as pleasing to God!



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Our Prayer List

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"Pray without ceasing."

1 Thessalonians 5:17

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Pray For Our Church Supported Mission Works

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Act 1:8

Missionary Dan and Sunny Sullivan in Thailand, and Elder Raul and the Printing work Romania

"A Thought from Our Pastor."

"Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;"1 Peter 5:2

"Be careful in dealing with other believers."

1 Corinthians 2:15 "But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man."

This chapter teaches us so much about our knowledge, understanding, and wisdom of God and His word. We understand that everything from God is a gift, and God gives His gifts in diverse ways to His children. 1 Cor. 12:1 – 11 will teach us more about this. But to us who are blessed with God's gifts of knowledge, understanding, and wisdom of God and His word. We are responsible for those teachings, to grow in them, to decern them, and to walk in them. Everyone, from the Pastor down are to spiritually know, understand and in wisdom how to properly decern biblical truths. And one of those teachings is to "spiritual judges all things." Not somethings, not things we think of, not things with human understanding, but things taught by God in His word. Once we step outside of those guidelines, we have failed God. Everything we judge must be judged in LOVE, with the love God gives us and not human love. Since our understanding of God's giving of gifts to each believer, our judgment must be with much caution. Because another believer may not understand spiritually or be as spiritually smart as you are. We must remember that only God can truly teach another believer and cause them to decern the scriptures. God went on to say "...yet he himself is judged of no man." Because we do not know the workings of God in every believer's spiritual life, or even what God is doing in our life. We only know and understand what God is showing us; we do not know the mind of God. Our judging others must be with much love and understanding of what God is doing, and this takes much prayer. Please understand, God is judging us on our action as we are judging His other children. Especially as Pastors and church members. Let us never stop studying, praying, learning, and walking in that spiritual education, because we do not want to fail God.

When God says, "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." Gal. 5:25 While our walk will not be perfect, that cannot be our excuse in a voluntary failure. Every believer is required to walk in the Spirit. Our walking in the Spirit or in the Holy Spirit is to follow our spiritual hearts in the Truth of the Word. And if we fail, we are giving in to the lust of the flesh.

Pastor's Thought Continue.

The Lord went on to say in the next verse Gal. 5:26 "Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another." That is by our failure to walk in the glory of our hearts and not that of the Spirit. Living in the Spirit is walking in the Spirit, a failure to do one is a failure to do both. Again, we will not be perfect, but that is not an excuse to fail. We may ask, "how does this equate to how we treat other believers," well we must try to understand not only ourselves but others. God is the giver of everything good, therefore He gives His gifts diversely and while He may give to one does not mean He gives to everyone. This makes every gift a blessing and therefore we cannot blame another for not having that blessing. The greatest example is the gift of salvation, because God gives it, it cannot be obtained by anyone except to whom it is given. Therefore, we cannot blame a lost soul for not being saved, it is not within the person's choices. Neither is any other of God's gifts, they like salvation is a gift, not earned are a choice of getting. Therefore, we must be carful and not judge God's other children for what they do not have, because God may not have blessed them with it. It is better to thank God for our blessing instead of being critical of believers who may not have it. Every saved soul is God's child; it is Jesus who justifies and Jesus who judges and He has promised to judge us as harshly we judge others. As Christians we are to help the weak, we are to attempt to teach them, but while some judgment is right, it is extremely limited.

Matthew 7:1-6 "Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye. Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you."

Church information and Happenings

- Please continue to pray for our church!!!
- The church will have a special church meeting today.