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Christian Thanksgiving

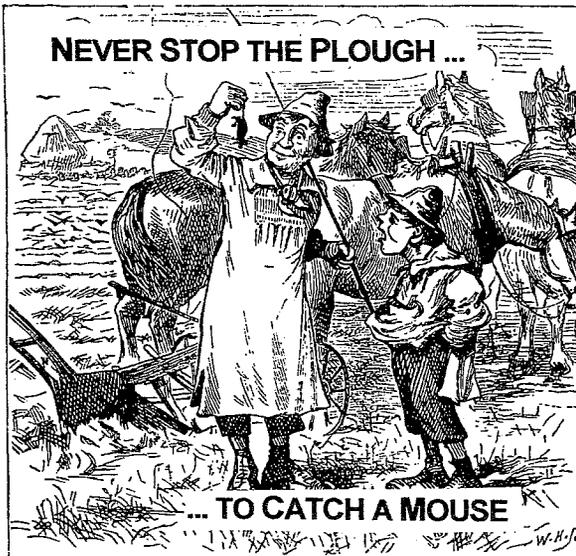
This month includes *Thanksgiving Day*, November 24 th.

As the Christian life is different in so many ways from the lives of the people of *this* world, so also are the believers' reasons for thanksgiving. (1) Christians are thankful for God's Word, the Bible. This written revelation of God can be completely believed and relied upon because it has the Lord's promise of *inspiration*, as well as His promises of everlasting *preservation*, insuring the perfection of our King James Bibles even today. (2) A Christian has a purpose that is far beyond living for just this lifetime. A believer is a willing servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, thus serving God in a direct, special and personal way. (3) Also, Bible prophecy, with perfect accuracy, reveals what is going to happen in the future (*Isaiah 48:3-5*); and to anticipate the Lord's coming glory; the Lord Jesus Christ returning as '*King of kings and Lord of lords*!' (4) And, the Christian is given perfect peace and assurance about their personal forgiveness and salvation in Jesus Christ! They know *for sure* that they will someday go to heaven!
"He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." 1 John 5:12.

"IGNORANCE" as a Saviour??

Have you ever heard anyone say, "The heathen in the world will go to heaven because they have never heard about Jesus Christ." But these people, thinking themselves to be understanding and kind, are saying that people will be forgiven for their sins and go to heaven because they supposedly don't know any better. But is that true? Can being ignorant of truth be salvation? Can "ignorance" be a saviour from sin? If so, then why send out missionaries? Then why share the gospel with people? If it is true that people who never hear will go to heaven, then giving them the Gospel would actually condemn them, not help them. So the best thing you can do is never tell anyone because by telling them then they may not believe it and end up condemned and without forgiveness of sins. So what this actually teaches is "ignorance" as a Saviour! They're going to be saved from hell because they didn't know any better?! But the most important question then becomes what does the Bible teach? Is there a "*Thus saith the Lord*"? Do the Scriptures teach ignorance as a way to avoid hell and go to heaven? The Bible considers exactly that kind of situation in Romans 1:19,20. It clearly teaches that everyone has enough knowledge of God through creation and conscience to make them guilty, "*without excuse*". But there's another Scriptural doctrine in conflict with this contention here, too; the Bible emphasizes spreading the Gospel, teaching people about the Lord and sending missionaries throughout the world, Matthew 28:19,20; Acts 1:8; which could only mean that there is no other way, (ignorance), but a person must receive Christ as the only "door" into heaven and the only Saviour of the "world". This necessitates getting out the gospel and sending out missionaries worldwide because the Lord Jesus Christ is the ONLY way to heaven! Matthew 28:19,20, John 14:6, Acts 16:31, Romans 10:13, Galatians 1:8, Titus 3:5, Isaiah 43:3,11, 45:15,22.

Sad, but for many people,
God isn't important enough
to attend church for.



"And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."
- Luke 9:62

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday Services, 10:30, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm
Wednesdays - Bible Studies - 7:00 pm

Quotes

"Every precious thing in this world is sure to be counterfeited."

"It's often more fun to want something than to have it."

"A person may be happy without being thankful, but he can't be thankful without being happy."

"I'm so great I can't help being conceited."



"Life is like a ladder; every step you take is either up or down."

"INDIA - There is no politician daring enough to explain to the masses that cows can be eaten." - copied

"The demands of covetousness are insatiable."

"The less spirituality a church has, the more entertainment it takes to keep it going."

"Before I preach love and grace, I must preach sin, law and judgment."

- John Wesley

NEVER STOP THE PLOUGH TO CATCH A MOUSE

(see picture at left)

"Think of this man and a boy and four horses, all standing still for the sake of a mouse! Many people act like the man in our picture. They have a great work to do which needs all their wits, to squabble over some petty thing ... Now, our minister said to me the other day, 'If you were on some of our church committees, you would see this *mouse-catching* done to perfection.' Not only committees, but also Christians go *mouse-hunting* ... What can be done by a mouse-trap or a cat, should *not* occupy our thoughts. A society of good Christian people will split over a petty quarrel, or a mere matter of opinion, while all around them the masses are perishing for lack of the Gospel. A miserable little 'mouse'... takes them away from their Lord's work. Let us give our chief attention to the chief things - the glory of God, the winning of souls for Jesus, and even our own spiritual salvation and walk." - copied
- Charles Spurgeon,
'John Ploughman's Pictures'
(slightly edited),

What the Real World is About

"However, the Bible conceives the world in very real terms, and recent events have clarified what the real world is about. It's about *the struggle between goodness and wickedness*, about which our Constitution is *not* the ultimate authority."
- David Klinghoffer

"Depend upon it, you and I do *not* grow holy by going to sleep. People are *not* made to grow in grace as plants grow, of which it is said, 'They grow ye know *not* how.' The Christian is developed by actively seeking growth, by earnestly striving after holiness, and resolutely endeavouring to obtain it." - copied

"Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving;"

- Psalm 147:7 a

Jesus' Testimony about the Scriptures

The Old Testament, *precisely as we have it*, was endorsed by Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

When He appeared on the earth, 1,500 years after Moses, the first of the prophets, and 400 years after Malachi, the last of them, He bore open testimony to the sacred canon as held by the Jews of His time.

Nor did He—among all the evils which He charged upon His countrymen — ever intimate that they had, in any degree, corrupted the canon, either by addition, diminution, or alteration of any kind. By referring to the 'Scriptures,' which He declared 'cannot be broken,' the Lord Jesus Christ has given His full attestation to all and every one of the books of the Old Testament as the unadulterated Word of God.

Our Blessed Lord puts '*what is written*' equal to His own declaration. He saw the Old Testament inspired from one end to the other, divine from one end to the other. Ah! how He valued the sacred text!

Our modern critics, with arrogance which rises to daring impiety, deny to Christ the insight which they claim for themselves. The point right here is this,

Did Jesus fundamentally misconceive the character of the Old Testament? Did He take for a created and immediate revelation what was of a slow and ordinary growth? Or was He dishonest, and did He make about Abraham, for example, statements and representations which belong only to a geographical myth—a personality which never existed?

The authority of Jesus Christ, God speaking—not from heaven only, but with human lips—has given a sanction to every book and sentence in the Jewish canon, and blasphemy is written on the forehead of any theory which alleges imperfection, error, contradiction, or sin in any book in the sacred collection.

The Old Testament was our Lord's only study book. On it His spiritual life was nurtured. In all His life it was His only reference. Through His apostles He reaffirmed it. Five hundred and four (504) times is the Old Testament quoted in the New." - copied



THIS & THAT
From HERE & THERE

King Charles

"The death of Queen Elizabeth II means that the United Kingdom must now change it's anthem to 'God save the King', change it's flags, and money with the new King Charles III's picture." - copied

Drugs

"Fentanyl is 50 times more deadly than heroin ... fentanyl has become the leading cause of premature death, out-pacing accidents and homicide." - Schlafly

Doctor vs Doctor

"'Barrington Declaration' doctors suing U.S. Government for censoring ...

"In October 2020, the *Great Barrington Declaration* was published by three academics—Jay Bhattacharya, Sunetra Gupta and Martin Kullendorff. Dr. Bhattacharya is taking his case to the courts to prove collusion between the Biden administration and Big Tech to silence the signatories of the '*Great Barrington Declaration*.' ... Dr. Tony Fauci and the federal government of the United States

'suppressed and censored and smeared' any reasoned but critical voices through social media and the mainstream press." - copied

"Silence"

"There is a vast difference between *biblical contemplation* and the *contemplative prayer* that is sweeping through evangelicalism.

It is the difference between '*silence*' and '*the silence*.' In biblical contemplation, '*silence*' refers simply to a quiet place in which the soul can effectively seek the Lord. In Scripture it is called seeking the Lord (*Psalm 105:3; Isaiah 55:6*), waiting on the Lord (*Psalm 69:6*), meditating on the Lord (*Psalm 104:34*), meditating on God's Word (*Psalm 1:2*).

In these times, when most of us use computers and smart phones and our waking hours are filled to the brim with distracting busyness, it is important to have daily periods of silence for spiritual devotion. During these times we don't sit with an EMPTY MIND and DO NOTHING; rather we open the Bible and read and meditate on its teaching, and we pray IN WORDS to God the Father through Jesus Christ by the wisdom and direction of the Holy Spirit.

"Give ear to MY WORDS, O LORD, consider my meditation. Hearken unto THE VOICE of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray. MY VOICE shalt thou HEAR in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up"

(*Psalm 5:1-3*). On the other hand, 'the silence' of contemplative prayer refers to pursuing God beyond active meditation and without speaking. It refers to putting aside thoughts through mechanisms such as mantras. This is not biblical meditation; it is a dangerous recipe for demonic delusion. We must seek God through faith, and faith comes only by God's Word. Hebrews 11:6, 'But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him'. Romans 10:17, 'So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God'.

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Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Services 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Services 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Studies 7:00 p.m.



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Pressure from Without or Above

"Today, we are unlikely to appreciate anything that comes to us as a command. We want to be free to make our own choice - no pressure from without.

But the Psalmist knew a pressure from above that he not only welcomed, he loved! The Father's voice, 'My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved.' *Psalm 119:48*"

What blessings in the commands and commandments of God!

(... continued from above ...)

If we try to know and 'experience' God beyond the pages of Scripture, beyond the teaching of the Bible, we are walking in disobedience and unbelief and are setting ourselves up for spiritual deception from the hands of the one who appears as an angel of light (*II Corinthians 11:14*).

The study of the Bible is not an end in itself and should never be a mere dry intellectual exercise; it is the means whereby we know God, and this is something we can grow in year by year.

"But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night" (*Psalm 1:2*). "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust" (*II Peter 1:4*)."

- Way of Life Literature, David Cloud, P.O. Box 610368, Port Huron, MI 48061