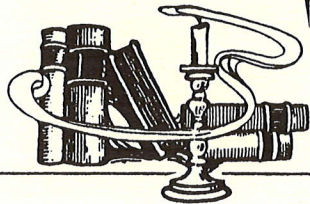


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The Joy-Giving Power of God's Law

*"The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul ...
the statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart ..."* - Psalm 19:7,8

"If our moral life attain to completeness, we shall observe in it THREE stages in relation to the *Law of God*.

(1) THE PERIOD OF REBELLION AGAINST THE LAW - in our original, natural state, we fret against God's commandments; we rebel against the *Law* because it denies us certain gratifications which we covet. Our regular desires lead us to covet what the *Law* denies; we rebel against the *Law* because it is the *Law*. We dislike the *Law* chiefly because it is the will of another, asserting itself above our will. *Law* is a tyranny we resent.

(2) THE PERIOD OF SUBMISSION TO THE LAW - We come to the conviction that it is better to submit than to rebel; we cease to be God's enemies, and become His servants. We may painfully keep the *Law*, but cannot be said to love it. There is a constant friction.

(3) THE PERIOD OF JOY IN THE LAW - Holiness becomes beauty to the eye, sweetness to the taste, music to the ears. God's *Law*, the grand expression of God's nature, becomes the great object of our love and desire."

- "The Preacher's Homiletic Commentary"

What's Wrong?

"Let's look at it another way.

Suppose you are standing on a street corner. A drunk comes staggering down the mall. He's filthy, he's ragged, he reeks of alcohol. He comes wobbling up to you and says, 'Praise the Lord, Jesus has transformed me.' Then he begins to quote Scripture. What would be your reaction? Would you believe him? Would you put your arm on his shoulder and say, 'Well, bless you, brother, it's good to have fellowship with you.' Probably not. You might feel more like telling him to move on. Why?

What would be wrong?

There was nothing wrong with what he said, he was quoting Scripture, but it was the filthy condition of the person who said those words that repulsed you.

It's the same with rock music.

You can dress it up and try to make it respectable. You can even title it 'Christian', but underneath it is still the same sensuous, neurotic music that it always was. It is still capable of creating in the listener the same attitudes and traits that it represents." - Salem Kirban

A Poor Sermon

"It is a poor sermon that gives no offences; that neither makes the hearer displeased with himself nor with the preacher."

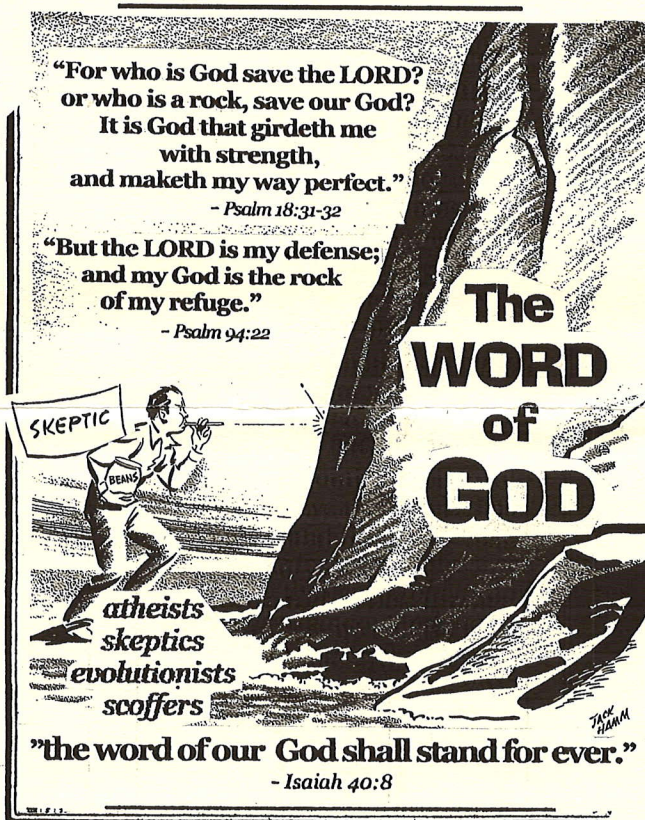
- George Whitefield

The Power of Example

"One farmer said that if you have a bunch of sheep in a barn, stretch a rope across the door before you let them out. When the sheep come out of the barn, the first few will jump over the rope. If you then cut the rope, the remaining sheep will still jump over the 'invisible rope' because it's what the rest of the flock did."

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"O how I love thy Law! It is my meditation all the day." - Psalm 119:97; **"I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love."** - Psalm 119:113; **"Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold."** - Psalm 119:127; **"Great peace have they which love thy law:"** - Psalm 119:165



CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Quotes

"One day a peacock, the next day a feather duster."

"Beware of passion that makes you reach for position."

"Nothing dies harder than the desire to think well of oneself."

"REVENGE is unquestionably one of the strongest- and one of the darkest - passions in the heart of man."

"One way to defend the church is by attending it."

"God wants you to become something that you never were before."

"God Himself is the explorer of man's will."

"It's not how high you jump but how straight you walk after you hit the ground."

"Doers get things done!"

Does God Really Care?

"Some believe that...and some don't. Those who don't believe that God cares for them usually look at their problematic circumstances as proof that God couldn't care less about what they are going through.

It's interesting that for many the thought of God is only brought to mind when their situation is bad news. He's at fault. He could have done something about it, but He didn't. He obviously didn't care enough to get involved. For those who think that way, it's a blame game ...and rarely against themselves. When things are going well, God isn't even considered, let alone given credit or thanks. Part of the problem is that such people know nothing about God." - T. A. McMahon, *The Berean Call*, 5/20

EVIDENCE OF SALVATION

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

"There is no point in our saying that we believe that Christ has died for us, and that we believe our sins are forgiven, unless we can also say that for us *old things are passed away and that all things are become new* (II Corinthians 5:17); that our outlook towards the world and its method of living is entirely changed. It is not that we are sinless, nor that we are perfect, but that we have finished with that way of life. We have seen it for what it is, and we are new creatures for whom everything has become new."

- D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones
"Sanctified Through the Truth"

"Christian growth does not consist in seeing new things, but in seeing the old things more clearly."

No Basis for REJECTION ...

"Those who no longer believe in the personal God of the Bible haven't come to believe in nothing, but must in fact accept everything, because they no longer have any legitimate basis for rejecting anything."

- "Satanism, Rock, and Rebellion", p 234

**"Arise, O God, judge the earth:
for thou shalt inherit all nations."**

- Psalm 82:8

"One Another"

"The Christian life is *not* a solitary life lived for self. It is a family life lived with others and for others. I *am* my brother's keeper!"

"admonish one another" (*Romans 15:14*)
"by love serve one another" (*Galatians 5:13*)
"bear ye one another's burdens" (*Galatians 6:2*)
"forbearing one another, and forgiving one another", (*Colossians 3:13*)
"teaching and admonishing one another" (*Colossians 3:16*)
"edify one another" (*1 Thessalonians 5:11*)
"consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works" (*Hebrews 10:24*)
"exhort one another" (*Hebrews 3:13; 10:25*)

Greek Text Replaced!

"Did you know ... that the Greek New Testament text, historically used down through the centuries by the believing Church, has been *cast aside and replaced* by a radically different Greek text? Nearly everyone has the impression that the difference in wording between modern translations and the 1611 King James Bible, as well as other older English versions, is mainly due to synonym choices and language changes.

Such is *not* the situation!

The outrageous reason is that almost all translations since 1881 have been made from a *drastically different Greek text* than was used to prepare the other versions. **The traditional Greek text has been replaced!**

Yet 90-95% of all the extant ('extant' - still existing) Greek New Testament manuscripts agree with each other and the traditional text as well as the older versions, but they do *not* agree with the extremely few upon which the *new* Greek text is based." - *Floyd Nolan Jones*

(Conclusion? What does this mean? Stay with and use, read, learn and believe *only* the King James Bible!)



THIS & THAT
From HERE & THERE

'Climate Change' Myth

"A coalition of more than 1,600 scientists, including Nobel Prize winners, critical of their peers' hyperbolic claims about climate change ... declare Climate 'emergency' a myth." - copied, "Second Nobel Prize Winner Signs," *The Federalist*, 9/1/23

Girl Scouts

"The Girl Scouts can now earn a sodomite patch - 'I'm a Girl Scout! LGBTQ+ Pride Month'." The mama bears called 'One Million Moms' is exposing another low in the moral decline of the Girl Scouts." - *copied*

Major Victory for Doctors & Hospitals

"Faith-based hospitals and doctors won a major legal victory Tuesday when the Biden administration gave up in its attempt to force medical professionals to perform procedures, including gender transition surgeries, that violate their conscience." - "Biden Admin," *Christian Headlines*, June 22, 2023:

"Rubber Repentance"

"Years ago a Texas paper recited a thrilling incident aboard a ship in the Gulf of Mexico. It was just after a gale. The passengers, rejoicing in the subsidence of the storm, were variously occupied according to their inclination or habit; some swearing, some drinking, some gambling.

Suddenly the captain, his face white, lips quivering, rushed into the cabin and startled the unprepared passengers with the awful announcement, 'The ship has sprung a leak and will go down in five minutes'.

The effect was instant and all-pervasive.

The oaths and ribald jest were arrested, half-uttered, on the lips of profanity; the drunkard dropped untasted the half lifted bottle; the gamblers threw down their unplayed cards and ignored the tempting gold they had staked on their game.

All of them, panic stricken, by one impulse, fell on their knees in prayer. They all repented toward sudden death.

Now, if that ship had gone down, instantaneously engulfing all but one of the crew in a watery grave, and that one survivor had reported that all his shipmates died in an act of prayer, having one quit his meanness, their relatives at home would have deduced great hopes of their condition in eternity, and some preachers in funeral services would have preached their souls right into heaven. But, alas! For such repentance, such hopes, such preaching, in the light of the subsequent facts.

The history proceeds to say that while yet in their fear-prompted devotions, the carpenter of the ship appears and with the cheering statement that the pumps are lowering the water in the hold and the leak will soon be stopped. The effect of this assuring announcement was like that ascribed to the touch of a magician's wand. Devotion and panic depart together and wicked inclinations and habits resume their wonted sway.

Indeed, the oaths are more frequent, the jests more obscene, on profanity's lips. The gamblers renew their interrupted game with doubled stakes to make up for loss of time. The drunkard treats himself to an extra ... in compensation for his brief abstinence.

We may call this '*India rubber repentance*' because it is like the schoolboy's hollow ball, which flattens under pressure and resumes its original form when the pressure ceases." - *copied*

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Sunday Evening Services 7:00 p.m.
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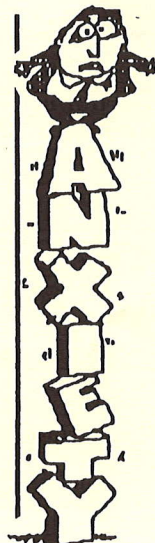
'Bible' OMISSIONS

All 'Modern' Versions OMIT (almost) half of Romans 8:1 KJV, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, *who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*"

NIV, "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, _____? _____? _____? _____? _____?"

Where is - '*who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*'? This omission is almost half the verse - ten words; it emphasizes the 'walk' of a Christian which shows how different a Christian lives his life; it reveals how and where the Holy Spirit of God works in the life of a real believer, '*walk not after the flesh.*' **Why leave out this part which defines sanctification?**

Just one more reason to reject the 'new' English translations and stay with the preserved King James Bible!



Be careful [anxious] for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:6,7).