

Miss Flo's Corner

A Question Box for the Ladies
By MISS FLO

CHILDREN'S DISRESPECT—IT'S ORIGIN

Dear Miss Flo:
I am the father of two children—sixteen and eighteen years of age. Neither one of them has the slightest bit of respect or affection for me. Yet I have done everything within my power to make them happy and to give them advantages which I never had. They seem not to appreciate in the least anything I do for them and are always asking for something more. Who in your opinion is responsible for this state of affairs—the father, the mother, or the children themselves? I personally believe that in this instance their mother is to blame. At least, she has done nothing to promote consideration and love, and in every instance has aligned herself with the children against me.—W. J.

It is the natural and normal thing for children to love their parents, to admire them, and to consider them their best friends—and when they do not, it is usually the fault of the parents. In rare cases only is it the fault of the children.

It is possible that in this case it has been the mother's fault—for too often women fail in the important duty of teaching the children to love their father. Rather, perhaps through carelessness and a lack of thought, they are apt to kill the natural affection which is there, for the attitude of children toward their father is almost entirely determined by their mother, whether they look upon him as a superior being to be adored and worshiped or merely as a cash register to be used when they want money.

There are women who teach their children to hate their father by making them fear him. When the children are bad they are threatened with what father will do when he gets home. Some women teach their children to regard their fathers simply as money-making machines that exist solely for their own use and benefit. What the children want they must have at any cost to father, and mother will nag him until they get it. The children, seeing that mother has no consideration for father grow up having none. Still other women teach their children to disrespect their fathers, by always criticizing them for being poor business men, for lacking in enterprise, for being too easy—for being high-tempered and hard to get along with—for this and that weakness, until the child's mind is embittered with the idea that their father is inferior to other men—amounts to nothing—and with silly opinions that need not be respected.

And this is unjust and unfair—for fatherhood calls for just as many sacrifices as motherhood does. And the only way in which these can be rewarded is with affection and gratitude, and if he is denied these he is cheated.

On the other hand, if a father wants his children's love, he must make a personal effort to win it. In the language of advertising experts, you have to sell yourself to them. The idea that children must love and respect their parents because it is their duty to do so will not work, and you must deliberately try to make yourself attractive to your children, and make as much effort to ingratiate yourself with them as you would with a stranger. You must try to impress your children with your ability, your wisdom, your up-to-dateness as you would any man or woman with whom you are trying to do business.

And you must begin making the effort while your child is still in the cradle—then it will be natural for the child to love you and respect you as long as you deserve it—and believe me—once you have convinced your children that you are worthy of their esteem it will take an awful lot to make them change their opinion.

When a child does not love its father it is a cruel thing to both child and father, for it robs them of so much joy in each other that they miss.

WOULD RE-STOCK CAROLINA STREAMS WITH LARGER FISH

Raleigh, Oct. 30.—Municipalities, sportsmen's organizations and individuals should establish fish rearing ponds or nurseries over North Carolina for the purpose of raising baby fish from the hatcheries through the first year in order to insure the greatest degree of success in stocking the streams, according to G. C. Leach, chief of the division of fish culture of the United States bureau of fisheries, who visited Raleigh today to confer with officials of the department of conservation and development.

Realizing the greater efficiency of stocking streams with larger game fish, Mr. Leach declared that the United States bureau of fisheries is starting a movement for nurseries to raise the fingerlings to a larger size. He has just returned from Valdosta, Ga., where the bureau will establish a rearing pond of more than 200 acres as the first in its system.

He (at the art exhibit): Ah, Joan d'Arc.
She (also there): Join it yourself, I'm a Kappa.

Sunday School Lesson

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Lesson for November 6 AMOS PLEADS FOR JUSTICE

LESSON TEXT—Amos 5:1-27
GOLDEN TEXT—Let judgment run down as waters and righteousness as a mighty stream.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Treating Everybody Right.
JUNIOR TOPIC—The Kind of Man God Hears.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—A Squaring for God Against the Crowd.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Conditions of Divine Approval.

I. Israel's Desolation Predicted (vv. 1-3).

Amos lamented over the doom which was to overtake the nation. Israel is called a virgin because she had never been subdued by any foreign nation (see Isa. 23:12). Her failing to rise no more sets forth the utter desolation and helplessness to which the Assyrians subjected the nation. From this captivity Israel never returned. Those who came back from the Babylonian captivity were largely from Egypt.

II. The Call to Return to God.
God through the prophet says, "seek ye me and ye shall live." The implication is that while the divine judgments are not executed, an opportunity is offered for them to turn to God. In their turning to God they were to renounce:

1. Idolatry (v. 5, 6)
They were to turn away from the places of idolatry—Bethel, Gilgal and Beersheba. God's judgment was to strike these places.

If they would not come to Him for life He would be their destroyer. "Our God is a consuming fire." The only one who can give life to those who seek Him is the one who shall destroy.

2. Cease to pervert judgment (v. 7).

"Turn judgment to wormwood" implies the bitterness of the perversion of justice to the injured.
3. Cease to detrone righteousness. "Laying off righteousness" is thought to mean that unrighteousness was allowed to take its place. In this third denunciation the Lord's name is given with the following statement of some of His works:

1. "Maketh the seven stars and Orion;" 2. "Turneth the shadow of death into morning;" 3. "Maketh the day dark with night;" 4. "Calleth for the waters of the sea and pourth them out upon the earth," both in rain and deluge; 5. "Strengtheneth the spoil against the strong."

III. The Sins Committed by the Wicked Nation (vv. 10-13).

1. They hated the judge who condemned their wicked practices (v. 10).
2. They abhorred him that spoke uprightly (v. 10).

This most likely referred to the prophets themselves who told them of their sins and urged uprightiness of life.

3. They trampled upon the poor (v. 11).

The rich built magnificent houses out of the proceeds extorted from the poor.

4. They afflicted the just (v. 12).
This they did by taking a bribe.

5. They turned aside the poor in the gate (v. 12).

Because they had no money the poor were turned aside.

It was most difficult for the poor to get justice. The times were so evil that the prudent would best keep silence.

IV. The Conduct of the Righteous (vv. 14, 15).

No condition in the world, religious, social or political can become so difficult that the righteous are shut off from help. The righteous can:

1. Seek God (v. 14).
Those who seek good shall have with them the Lord God of hosts.

2. Hate the evil (v. 15).
Evil must be hated. The sin question must be settled before God can bestow His blessings.

3. Establish judgment in the gate.
It was the custom in that day for the courts of justice to sit in the gate of the city. The prophet urges upon them the responsibility to place honorable men in charge of public affairs.

V. The Judgment to Fall (vv. 16-20).

There is coming a day of retribution. Justice and right shall be vindicated. This will be realized in the day of the Lord (II Thess. 1:7-10; James 5:7). All wrong shall be righted at that time. May we earnestly pray, "thy kingdom come."

VI. Worship Without Holiness of Life an Abomination to God (vv. 21-27).

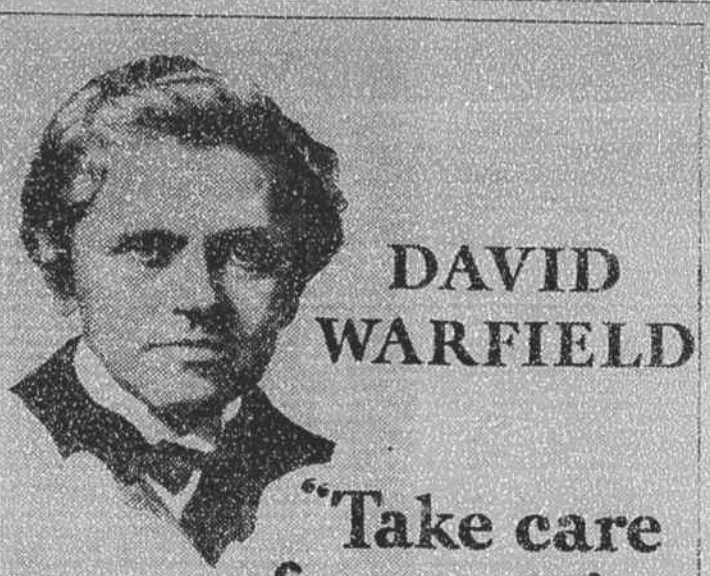
Sacrifices, observance of feast days, and singing, when the heart is out of fellowship with God, is most displeasing to Him.

Two Different Things

The love of God and the world are two different things. If the love of this world dwell in thee, the love of God forsakes thee; renounce that, and receive this; it is fit that the nobler love should have the best place and acceptance.

House Not Made With Hands

The text-life is the true life until the building of God, the "house not made with hands," is reached.—Phil. lps Brooks



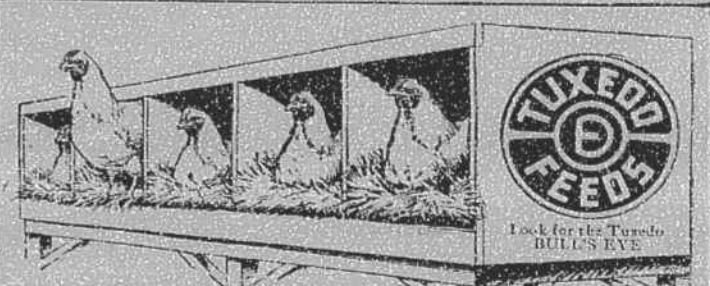
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