

EDITORIALS & COMMENT

TWO MINUTES WITH THE BIBLE

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PEACE AND ACCESS

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; by whom also we have access . . . (Rom. 5:1,2).

"Being justified . . . we have peace with God!" What a priceless blessing! We believers are prone to take this blessing altogether too much for granted.

Since the day we trusted Christ and the burden of sin rolled away, most of us have never had another question about our eternal destiny, and we have begun to take it for granted. We fail to appreciate sufficiently what it means to be able to arise in the morning, go about our business during the day and give ourselves up to unconsciousness at night, always assured that through our Lord's redemptive work we have "peace with God" and our eternal destiny is secure. Surely this knowledge should overwhelm our hearts with constant gratitude and have a profound effect upon our daily conduct.

The companion blessing to "peace with God" is our full and free access into His presence; another blessing of grace far too little appreciated. Think of the wonder of our free access to God; how He the Ruler of the Universe, invites us to come confidently before His "throne of grace" at our convenience—"in time of need."

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Heb. 4:16).

Let us never forget that this high privilege was purchased for us by the precious blood of Christ, and that having thus been purchased, it is His will that we believers avail ourselves of "this grace." Could there be greater proof of His love for us?

"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, . . . a new and living way, which He hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh" (Heb. 10:19,20).

Where Do We Go From Here?



SUPREME COURT

1954 HISTORICAL DECISION

SOME RESULTS THUS FAR:

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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THE BIBLE IN THE LANGUAGE OF THE PEOPLE
Background Scripture: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 8; Habakkuk 2:2, Acts 2:1-2
Scripture: Acts 2:1-12; Devotional Reading: Romans 8:28-39

And when the day of Pentecost is fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

5. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

6. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

7. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans?

8. And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

9. Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Capadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, 10. Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, 11. Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

12. And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?

GOLDEN TEXT: We hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God. Acts 2:11.

Comments About Translation
LESSON OUTLINED: I. The Gospel Record: The Bible is the library of God made available to mankind through human instruments, whose eyes God opened, and whose hearts He touched, and whose minds He inspired. What ever pertains to life, one may see its value or the lack of value portrayed in living form through pages of the Record in the Old and New Testaments. No human blunder, failure, wrongdoing or the worst in evil conduct and willful sin, are ever covered in the pages of God's library. The sins of the fathers are laid bare before the eyes of all who are wont to read, or who will seek instruction from scribes, teachers and preachers of the Word. God has ever used men to make known His eternal will for the guidance of human life, and the building of a decent, God-fearing society wherein dwelleth righteousness—mutual concern, compassion and love. Men cannot do what they do not know. So, therein lies the necessity for God's teaching ministry.

Our Lord came to teach. And the teaching was in full harmony with the life, and unfolded the gracious design and mission of the works. He taught the people. As in the sermon on the mount, by his parables, and in the temple porch at Jerusalem. He taught his disciples. By explanation of parable and miracle, by private instruction, by trial missions, and in his methods of dealing with them. So, we too, can find our way to salvation when the Holy Word is made plain through our own language of today.

The Importance of Voting in All Elections

We urge every citizen of Durham who is a registered voter to let nothing stand in the way of exercising his or her right to vote in the election to be held here Saturday, May 17. In addition to the election of the members of the City Council there is the \$9,750,000 bond issue to be voted on for the purpose of providing funds for the improvement of water, street, sewer and recreation facilities of the city, which no sensible citizen can truthfully say are not needed.

Whereas the progressive voter of either race will have little or no interest in the choice of the election of a mayor of Durham, there is at stake the matter of increasing the representation of black citizens on the council, which no fairminded person can say is not presently needed as well as just. It is, therefore, our hope that black voters of Durham, as well as others, will turn out in large numbers and cast their ballots for the incumbent members of the City Council who have already proved themselves, as well as the progressive aspirants for the post that are so badly needed to help bring about some of the changes on the Council.

Along with the aspirants of black citizens in Durham, who are candidates for seats on the City Council, it will also be noted that in several nearby cities and towns black citizens are in the race for similar and other posts. We, therefore, again urge black voters in every city and town of the state where an election is being held to not fail to exercise the right of casting their ballots, which is one of the highest and most important acts to be exercised by any and all good citizens.

The Ugly 1968 Highway Picture

1968 was an ugly year for Americans. Tragedy of spectacular magnitude became a frequent front page occurrence. But a quieter national calamity took its dreadful toll on all the days before, during and after the Tet offensive in Vietnam, the riots, the assassinations.

It was "quiet" only because it was not concentrated in a single place at a single time. There was no focus to put this misery on the front pages. To the families and friends of 55,300 men, women and children killed in auto accidents, however, it was the ultimate calamity. To the 4,400,000 victims of injury, it was hard core agony. The economic loss, about 13.5 billion dollars, was an appalling waste.

This view of 1968 is contained in the annual booklet of highway accident statistics from The Travelers

Insurance Companies. Statistics in the booklet were compiled from records of motor vehicles departments throughout the country.

The 1968 highway toll followed a year that saw a leveling off in the number of highway deaths and injuries. In 1967 approximately 53,000 lives were lost in motor vehicle mishaps — 4,200,000 persons were injured.

Why the increase? Was it because Americans were lulled by the "improvement" of the preceding year? There are, perhaps, as many reasons as there are people to voice opinions.

Whatever the reasons, the tragedy remains. More than 55,300 persons were killed and 4,400,000 injured.

Mr. Driver, it's up to you to help make 1969 beautiful.

The Black Man's Goal in America

In a speech delivered at the annual Freedom Day celebration held in Raleigh last Sunday, Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, flayed the attempt of certain young blacks over the nation who are now demanding separate facilities for their race at colleges and universities. Wilkins went on to remind the young element of separatist advocates that their parents had fought for integration all of their lives and implied that it is most ironical that members of the young element, in the face of the struggle to achieve integration, are now demanding separation.

The Carolina Times not only endorses the remarks of the NAACP executive secretary but we would also remind the leaders of the separatist advocates that at the height of the struggle for integration that blackleaders even refused the offer of "separate but equal" proposals as a compromise. The goal was absolute

and full acceptance into any and all facets of the national order. It is therefore, not only ironical, but distressful that in the face of the victories won in past years before the U. S. Supreme Court and elsewhere, that young so-called leaders of the race are now contending for separation.

Let emphasis be placed on the statement of Wilkins that the struggle of the NAACP is not just for the sake of integrating the races, but it is for obtaining a better quality of education. To this we would add a better quality of employment and general acceptance into all avenues of the national life. We, therefore, take the position that the ability of the black man to absorb 300 years of the most cruel and inhumane treatment, during slavery without becoming revengeful, is evidence that he has a contribution to make to the soul of America which cannot be achieved unless he is accepted into every facet of the nation's life.

This Week in Negro History

ONE hundred and sixty-nine years ago (1800) on Friday of this week an American who lost his life in an attempt to free Negro slaves was born. The martyr was John Brown who was executed in 1859 for leading the attack against Harper's Ferry.

Other events of historical interest to be observed this week are as follows:

- MAY 5 — Gwendolyn Brooks discovered in 1950 she had been named winner of the Pulitzer Prize for her book of poetry entitled "Annie Allen."
- The will of Thaddeus Kosciuszko of 1798 provided for the education of Negroes.
- MAY 6 — Martin Delany (1812-1885), a army officer and author, born.
- MAY 7 — Toussaint L'Ouverture surrendered to the French in 1802.
- MAY 8 — Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters was organized through the work of A. Phillip Randolph.
- MAY 10 — Elizabeth Taylor Greenfield was invited in 1854 to sing before Queen Victoria.
- May Howard Jackson (1877-1931), portrait bust artist, born.

Yes, We All Talk

What Makes A Voice Normal?

Have you ever had a hi-fi set demonstrated when seeking to make a purchase of one? You have noted the difference between the sound quality of the cheap and expensive models.

Some people have poor voices while others have pleasant, full resonant, and rich-quality voices.

Some people are born with a better vocal mechanism than others, because quality of voices depend upon thickness of your vocal cords, shape of your skull, the amount of flesh on your skull, the shape of your mouth, and lips, the formation of the teeth, the kind of rib cage you have, and so on.

However, a normal voice is one that is suitable for your age and sex, adequately loud, with a slight vibrato, and flexible enough to emphasize the moods, emotions, and ideas which are spoken.

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CHARLESTON, S.C. — Mrs. Coretta King, widow of Martin Luther King, addressing hospital workers on strike in Charleston: "I want to have the privilege of marching with you."

NEW YORK — Carlos Vieira, who gave a kidney to his sister: "I can live with one kidney."

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To Be EQUAL
By WHITNEY M. YOUNG

Television's Impact

THE CURRENT controversy about violence on television sometimes sounds a bit silly. If there is excessive violence on the home screens, there is also excessive violence in our society.

The brutalities shown on some TV shows don't begin to compare to the brutalities of oppression faced by millions of poor people every day.

Television is like a mirror held up to our society. If the image is sick, it's easier to blame the mirror than cure the illness.

But that doesn't mean broadcasters don't have a special responsibility to the rest of us. Their job isn't just packaging programs so they can sell cigarettes and gasoline in commercials.

They use the public airwaves and so are responsive to the public. Lord Thompson a British press lord who expanded into TV stations, once said, "A TV license is a license to print money."

Along with the responsibility to the real owners of the airwaves, the public, comes the responsibility for controlling such a powerful medium of communication. There are more television sets in America than there are bathtubs — some 80 million sets in 57 million homes.

The Prime, Burning Question

So broadcasters have to use this immense power constructively. Since the prime, burning, question of our time is that of race relations, they have to use the airwaves to communicate to their viewers important aspects of this great social problem.

Not only must they educate white Americans about the nature of the problems of poverty, racism, and urban decay, but they've got to show black people and especially black youth, that the airwaves are theirs, too.

Some stations are doing a pretty good job of hiring Negro actors and newsmen, while others support special documentary programs that inform the public. But by and large, TV has a long way to go before it fully uses its potential for instructing a mass audience and it fully utilizes the talents of black people.

Some stations won't even go half-way; their microphones are opened to racists and their studios closed to blacks. The Federal Communications Commission, the regulatory agency that licenses stations, ought to revoke the license of any station that discriminates in this manner.

A TV license or a radio license is a public trust — often the recipient gets it by making lavish promises of all the good programs he'll put on, promises most often broken.