

Prophet's Column

"The Words Of The Preacher"

By J. M. Little

"THE WORDS OF THE PREACHER, the son of David, King in Jerusalem. Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities, all is vanity." (Ecclesiastes 1:1-2). The writer is King Solomon, the son of David. Reading the life of King Solomon in the Scriptures, we find that he was a man of great wealth. We could say he made an experiment with the wealth of this world. Solomon was the wisest man since Adam. He goes on to say in verse twelve of this same chapter; "I the Preacher was king over Israel in Jerusalem." The Lord saw fit to place a preacher on the throne of Israel, his father David



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was also a preacher on the throne of Israel. But now listen further to the Preacher; "And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all things that are done under heaven: this sore travail hath God given to the sons of man to be exercised therewith. I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit. That which is crooked cannot be made straight; and that which is wanting cannot be numbered. I communed with mine own heart, saying, Lo, I am come to great estate, and have gotten more wisdom than all they that have been before me in Jerusalem: yea, my heart had great experience of wisdom and knowledge." (Vss 13-16).

King Solomon had all the wealth that the human heart could desire, but he said, also; "And I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly; I perceived that this also is vexation of spirit." (Vs. 17). Solomon made an experiment with wealth and sin, but found both to be vanity and vexation of spirit. This goes to show that the things of this world cannot satisfy the human heart. You can indulge in all the sin you want, and all the business and pleasures of this world, they are all vanity and vexation of spirit and cannot fill the emptiness of heart. Only the REVEALED Christ can fill that emptiness in your heart, my awakened sinner.

When I was growing up in the religious world, even though I was religious to the core, I knew there was

an emptiness in my heart. I set out to fill that emptiness not knowing that only Christ could satisfy the emptiness there. I embraced all the major religions of the world. I prayed and read my Bible. And many times I'd be sitting there in church on Sunday morning and the preacher would say: "While I pray, you pray to." When I would try to pray, the heavens seemed like brass to me and I felt a great gulf between me and God. Many times I wanted to cry out right there in the service; "my prayers are not getting through!" Regardless of where I went or what I did, the deep emptiness was there in my heart. I knew something was missing that I lacked. Not until the blessed Holy Spirit of God brought me under Holy Spirit conviction did I realize what was wrong. When the Holy Spirit brought me under conviction, He revealed to me that the great missing something in my life was the reality of Christ. And not until Christ was revealed to my heart was I satisfied. My life does not consist of the abundance of the things I possess, but of Christ. You can have all this world and its so-called treasures and pleasures, but I had rather have Christ. I would not exchange what I have in Christ for ten thousand worlds of gold and silver. Would you? The greatest thing in all the universe is just to know the Lord Jesus Christ as your Lord and your Saviour. If you don't have Christ, you don't have anything.

You may boast of your wealth, but listen to what

wretch as I. Oh, the love of God!

All in this world under the sun is vanity and vexation of spirit. In contrast to that is the sweetness of Christ. When the Lord saves you, then you don't wonder why I love to talk about Christ. You, too, will rejoice with me in Him.

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Deaths And Funerals

Mr. Harry Alexander Funeral arrangements are incomplete for Mr. Harry Alexander of 1717 Wilmore Drive, who died Sunday, April 11 in Charlotte Memorial Hospital.

Alexander will be handling these arrangements.

Mr. Clarence Henry Weeks Funeral arrangements are incomplete for Mr. Clarence Henry "Nunny" Weeks Jr. of 2123 Longdale Drive, who died Monday, April 12.

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Mr. Sherman L. Legette Funeral arrangements are incomplete for Mr. Sherman Leroy Legette of 1027 Andriil Terrace who died Sunday, April 11, in the 1500 Block of Oaklawn Avenue.

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Mrs. Kertine Reid Funeral arrangements are incomplete for Mrs. Kertine Reid of 2820 Phillips Avenue who died Monday, April 12 at 2821 South Tryon Street.

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Mrs. Mary Louise Walls Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Louise Walls, 55, of 358 St. Johns Place, Brooklyn, N.Y., formerly of Charlotte, was held Saturday, April 10, at the Alexander Funeral Home Chapel.

Burial was in York Memorial Park.

one brother, Mr. William Duncan Myrick of Homestead, Fla.; one sister, Mrs. Betty Stroud of Charlotte.

Alexander handled these funeral arrangements.

Mr. Albert Thomas Heath Funeral services for Mr. Albert Thomas Heath, 72, of 625 Georgetown Drive, was held Saturday, April 10, at Simpson-Gillespie United Methodist Church.

Burial was in Beatties Ford Memorial Park.

Survivors are: Mrs. Hazeline Heath, wife, of Charlotte; three sons, Mr. Albert T. J. Heath of Pennsylvania, Mr. Henry Heath of Charlotte and Mr. Archie Heath of Washington, D.C.; two daughters, Mrs. Alice Martin of Camp Springs, Maryland, and Mrs. Gwendolyn Harris of Nashville, Tenn.; one brother, Mr. Henry B. Heath of Charlotte; one sister, Mrs. Mary Coleman of Morganton, N.C.

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Mr. Willie James Barnes Funeral service for Mr. Willie James Barnes Jr., 81, of 1315-5 Pressley Road was held on Thursday, April 1, at St. Paul Baptist Church.

Burial was in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Survivors are: son, Mr. James Barnes III of Charlotte; three daughters: Miss Rose Barnes and Mrs. Beatrice Barnes Wheeler, both of Charlotte and Mrs. Willie Mae Hill of Salisbury, N.C.; two brothers, Mr. Adam Barnes Sr. of Kannapolis, N.C. and Mr. Andrew Lee Barnes of Buffalo, N.Y.; eight sisters, Mrs. Lillie Simpson of Rock Hill, S.C., Mrs. Sally Moses of Gastonia, Mrs. Beattie McManus of Hewlett Long Island, Mrs. Willie Mae Moses of Charlotte, Mrs. Beatrice Gilliard of

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Mrs. Leola W. Simpson Funeral service for Mrs. Leola Wilson Simpson, 67, of 951 E. 143rd Street, Cleveland, Ohio, was held on Thursday, April 1, at Cosmopolitan Community Church.

Burial was in York Memorial Park.

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