

TWO MINUTES WITH THE BIBLE



GLORIOUS PROSPECT
To the true Christian one of the most wonderful passages in the whole Bible is Eph. 2:7, where we read of God's purpose.
"That in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus."
This passage appears the more wonderful when viewed in the light of its context.
Verses 2-6 tell how we were all once the "CHILDREN OF DISOBEDIENCE," and therefore "by nature the CHILDREN OF WRATH, even as others." But then we read those wonderful words of hope, "BUT GOD."
"But God, who is RICH IN MERCY, because of His GREAT LOVE toward us, has made us alive together with Christ."
And next verses tell how He has taken believers in Christ from the lowest position of condemnation and wrath and given them the highest place of favor and blessing in Christ at His own right hand in the heavens.

The simplest, humblest believer in Christ as His Savior has been given this position in the heavens, for God no longer sees him in himself, but in Christ, who died for his sins. This is why St. Paul so often writes about "those who are in Christ Jesus."
It is for the believer now, to occupy this exalted position, to appropriate by faith the "all spiritual blessings" which are his in Christ (See Eph. 1:3) Like Paul, he may be lifted by grace, through faith, above the troubles and sorrows of "this present evil age" and enjoy his position and blessings in the heavens in Christ. And even this is not all, for looking far ahead to the future the Apostle, by divine revelation, goes on the say (in Eph. 2:7) that God has done this all for us, "that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus."

WEEKLY MEDITATION

BY COLIN DOUGLAS

A Sermonette
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"And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?"—Matt. 7:3.
Most of us experience times in our lives when we feel slighted. We feel shut out from a group of persons or a clique in our neighborhood or organization. And we tend to take a critical attitude toward those persons who seem to be enjoying themselves more than we are. At such times we magnify the trivial and overlook the important. We think of others in the light of what they are failing to do for us, instead of what we can do for them. We allow envy to blind us to the high goal of helpfulness and harmony set for us by God.
It is at such times that we should make the supreme effort to switch ourselves from condemnation to commendation, and from criticism to compassion. We need to keep our minds on happy, harmonious things, instead of on sp-

parent inharmonies. We must remember that life isn't a perpetual state of receiving good things. We have to do our share of giving too, remembering always that our reception of happiness is in proportion to our giving of happiness.
Remember that the Divine Love of God is yours, and yours to share with all other persons. This Love of God can sustain and protect you wherever you go, and it can make all that you do have purpose and meaning. Imbued with this Love of God, you can look out at the world with eyes of Love, and you are not affected by what you may have formerly termed slights, insults, or affronts. By bringing God into the foreground of your thoughts, your irritation and pique have vanished like darkness before the sun. You know that this is your Father's world, that it is a good world, and that you are co-operating with God to keep it so.
"Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee!"—Psalms 40:16.

Former Vice-President Is Lincoln Day Dinner Orator

CINCINNATI (AP) — "Reject extremist leaders," former Vice-President Richard M. Nixon urged Negroes in a Lincoln Day dinner speech here last week.
"Boycotts and mass demonstrations will damage the civil rights cause and America itself," Nixon, an unannounced candidate for the GOP Presidential nomination, warned.
Nixon spoke in Cincinnati on the heels of a school boycott to protest "de facto" segregation.

Urging Negroes to follow responsible leaders, Nixon hit at boycotts as encouraging disrespect for law.
He said Abraham Lincoln, the Civil War Leader, was dedicated to the rule of law and that the rule of law should be a principle of the Republican party.
Nixon said he foresaw enactment of a civil rights law but contended that "much of good that the law may do will be destroyed if the irresponsible tactics of some of the

Garden Time

BY M. E. GARDNER
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If you want some early blooming gladioli this year try "Mick" Jenkins recipe. Dr. Jenkins is in charge of our Horticultural Crops Research Laboratory at Castle Hayne, north of Wilmington.
A number of research workers have shown that gladiolus plants will bloom earlier if the corms are given a heat treatment before planting. Dr. Jenkins wanted to determine more accurately the temperature and length of the treatment period. Here is what he found.
He selected two varieties, Snow Princess and Valeria, and stored the corms at temperatures of 70, 80 and 90 degrees for 15 and 30 days prior to planting. The corms were then planted in replicated plots. For a check, he used corms that had been held at ordinary storage temperature.

All plants from heat-treated corms emerged sooner than from untreated corms. They also bloomed earlier and the yield of flowers from the treated corms was higher. He found the best treatment was to subject the corms to a temperature of 80 degrees for 15 days.

Earlier flowering is of importance to the commercial grower because the prices received are usually higher for the early bloomers. The treated corms bloomed 10 days earlier than those that were untreated.

Dr. Frank Haasis, plant pathologist, has been conducting some experiments on the control of a-zalea petal blight. This disease is somewhat serious and you should watch your plants closely for evidence of the disease.

The disease first appears as small white spots on colored petals and as brown spots on white flowered varieties. Under conditions of high humidity, these spots enlarge rapidly until the entire petal softens and collapses.

The fungus over-winters in the infected petals that fall from the plant and become incorporated in the mulch. About the time the a-zaleas bloom the spores of the fungus are released and may infect the flowers on the plant above them or be carried by air currents to neighboring plants.

Dr. Haasis found that the blight was best controlled with Zineb or Thiram (Thylate). He applied sprays at the beginning of the blooming period and made applications twice weekly for about one month. Good equipment is needed as the spray must be under pressure to break it into mist particles for good coverage and control.

Thomas Young Founders' Day Orator At ECSC

ELIZABETH CITY—Thomas W. Young, editor and publisher of the Norfolk Journal and Guide, will deliver the Founders' Day Address at Elizabeth City State College on Sunday, February 22, according to Mrs. Clara G. Jones, chairman of the Founders' Day Committee.
The program will commemorate the seventy-third year of the founding of the college. A service of recognition will honor Hugh Cale, the Negro Legislator of Pasquotank County who presented the bill in 1891 to establish the college; Peter Weddick Moore the first president of the institution; and John Henry Bias, the second president, under whose administration it became a four-year college.

7th Women's Program Set At Smith U.

CHARLOTTE—Johnson C. Smith University young women will explore the theme: "Goals in the Education of Women" at the Seventh Annual Women's Program at the University February 26 through March 1.

Chief consultant for the five-day program will be Dr. Thelma Davidson Adair, Assistant Professor of Education at the University of the City of New York, Queens College, Flushing, L. I.

Dr. Adair received her A. B. degree from Bennett College and her M. A. and Ed. D. from Teachers College, Columbia University.

The wife of the Reverend A. Eugene Adair, pastor of the Mount Morris Presbyterian Church in New York City, Dr. Adair is the mother of three children. She spent the summer of 1962 in volunteer service in Liberia as a member of the Operation Crossroads of Africa Liberian Teachers' Team.

Following the teacher training program, Mrs. Adair headed a Christian Institute for men and women of many church groups in Liberia. Following her experience in Liberia, Dr. Adair travelled in ten other African countries. She is a native of North Carolina.

extreme civil rights leaders continue.

The GOP leaders, who reportedly signed a restrictive covenant when he purchased a home in Washington during his first term as Vice-President in the Eisenhower administration, was the center of controversy over the issue during his unsuccessful bid for the Presidency in 1960.

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Attend Church and study God's word.

The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.

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