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BIBLE THOUGHT

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.—St. John 15:13.

Old Glory

Who gave you the name of Old Glory, and why
Are we thrilled at the name of Old Glory?

And it spake, with a shake of the voice, and it said:
By the driven snow-white and the living blood-red
Of my bars, and their heaven of stars overhead—
By the symbol conjoined in them all, skyward cast,
As I fly from the steeple, or flap at the mast,
Or droop o'er the sod where the long grasses nod,
My name is as old as the glory of God.
... So I came by the name of Old Glory.

—James Whitcomb Riley.

Great Expectations

DR. STOKES preached a sermon from his pulpit in the Franklin Methodist church last Sunday on the above subject which was a timely and eloquent appeal to his hearers. By request and because the message will be helpful to others, we are printing parts of it here.

... My mind goes back to my childhood days in Korea when my brothers and I played in the yard with boys of another color and language and race. They came from miserably poor homes. The best they could expect was bare subsistence—a living just above the starvation line. ... I have often felt the unfairness of it that fate should have made me an American, with all the opportunities and privileges which attend such a birth, while they must be born under a star of little hope or chance. Truly, when we contemplate our lot here in America in the light of the near hopeless state of others we ought to find little excuse for failure in life. Indeed, I believe God has a right to expect more of us as a people than any other peoples on earth.

In these trying days we like to think we are on God's side. ... We take comfort in the thought that we are more democratic, more determined to live and let live, more Christian than other peoples. We live in a land that has greater natural resources ... that has a higher income level, that possesses more comforts for easing the drudgery of life. ... On this physical level we have been blessed beyond any other nation in the world.

We have been blessed likewise upon the intellectual level. ... We can come nearer offering every child born in our land an education than can any other country. ... I think I can say that we are blessed beyond measure on the moral and spiritual level. We have a better understanding of the meaning of goodness and rightness than do many other lands where Christian influences have not penetrated. Religion has been with us from the beginning—not just a later importation. It came with our pioneer fathers—many of those early settlers dared brave the storms of the ocean and the bitter cold and treacheries of the new land because they wanted to live at peace with their God. In such tradition have we been brought up. ... We have builded magnificent churches and dedicated them to God. We have provided Christian leadership in the form of thousands of ministers of the Gospel. And added to it all is the undeniable fact that God has prospered us above any other nation. ...

In the light of these things we can scarcely doubt that more is expected of us than of other peoples. ... I am trying to indicate what I believe will be the real basis of God's judgment. I recall that Jesus indicated as much when he told about the master of the house who went away on a journey and left his servants in charge. To one he gave authority over many things, to another authority over few. To one who had greater authority was assigned his position because he had greater understanding and grasp. If he should fail in his duties he would be beaten with many stripes. "But" says Jesus, "he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required. ..." (Luke 12:48). We cannot get away from the fact that to us much has been given. So then of us much will be required.

The Japanese whom we severely condemn—and, according to our standards, rightly so—are in no sense Christian. I wonder if God expects as much from them. And possibly the fact that they are no more Christian than they are is a fault of the Christian nations of the world. What if we could have used the billions now being expended upon materials of war for the spreading of Christian ideals around the world! There is no telling what might have been done to draw the nations together in a bond of Christian love. And yet we still have people in this Christian America who do

not believe in missions. Such a world conflict as we are now going through compels us to believe in missions. We will never get away from such conflicts unless we can and will spread abroad the Christian ideals in which we believe. This war, far from a condemnation of the aggressor nations alone, may in part at least, be a condemnation upon us who have failed to express our Christianity in ways that would make Christ real to the world.

We have known better but we have failed to do better. ... We know what it is to be Christian, yet we insist upon being heathen. ... We who have without question been blessed above all the rest will take little comfort in the assertion of Jesus, "For unto whom much is given, of him shall much be required."

I sometimes hope that we are the chosen people of our day. But if so great a responsibility is put upon us we can be assured that more is expected of us than others. ... Listen to the words of Jeremiah, prophetic of what should happen to Israel because of their indifference and sin: "Lo, I will bring a nation upon you from far. ... Like as ye have forsaken me and served strange gods in your land, so shall ye serve strangers in a land that is not yours (5:15-19).

Far be it from me to predict a like fate for us. I only know that the teaching of God's Word is clear that when a people have been greatly blessed and turn against God, judgment is not far off. ... I do not speak out of a harsh and unkind spirit. I speak out of a heart that is distressed and fearful, because I know that the America I love is not living as close to God as she should. And I covet for this land of mine and yours a chosen place in the Kingdom that God shall give.

Letters to Editor

June 24, 1942

Hello There Folks,
I just thought that I would drop you a line to let you know that I am O. K. and like the Army fine. Say, in case you don't know who I am, I will tell you. This is one of the boys that left Franklin March 11. My name is Harley W. Jenkins and I want you to send me one of your papers, for I need one to read so I will know how everything is up there, for I want to hear from my home town, Franklin.

My address is Pvt. Harley W. Jenkins, Battery B, 907 FA, Bn. 82nd Div, Camp Claiborne, La.

This and That

By FRANKIE MACON

Buy War Stamps and lick the other side!

A gentleman is a man who will not strike a lady with his hat on?

A magazine article reveals that we produce 3,000 tons of aspirin per year in the United States. Considering all the causes for headaches we have, it hardly seems enough.

In landing on Rat Island in the Aleutians the Japs at least showed a superb appreciation of the fitness of things.

The Japs said they would invade Hawaii by the Midway route. But it turned out to be the Midway route.

Executive ability is merely the art of getting the credit for all the hard work that somebody else does.

It's never too late to give up your prejudices.

Don't buy War Bonds "until it hurts." Buy 'em until you feel good.

A woman has only two views of a secret—either it's too good to keep or it isn't worth keeping.

If it is true that time is money there are still plenty of short-change artists.

Anyhow, the Russians are keeping Hitler so busy he hasn't time to make up Mussolini's mind for him.

The OPA has put a ceiling on woolen yarns; but it seems impossible to put any limit on the yarns of the rumor mongers.

What is more pleasant than a cold bath before breakfast? No cold bath.

A committee is composed of important persons who singly think they can do nothing, but together agree that nothing can be done.

The man who loses his head never seems to miss it.

People may call you a tightwad if you don't spend your money, or a spendthrift if you do, but you will earn a pat on the back from everybody if you buy War Bonds.

Poet's Corner

"TO A SOLDIER'S MOTHER"
When the cry to arms was sounded,
And Old Glory was hoist on high,
With love and courage unbounded,
You kissed your boy good-bye.

You bade him go with an aching heart,
No matter what might befall,
To do his bit, a soldier's part,
You gave him up, your all.

He never knew how near the tear,
Was to your tender smile,
That drove away the thought of fear,
Your heart breaking all the while.

Old Glory will float higher still,
Upheld by your courageous hand,
For you have humbly obeyed God's will,
And your deeds of valor shall stand.

The greatest battles to be fought,
Will not be in trenches 'Over There',
But the victories your sons have sought,
Will be won by a Mother's prayer.
—James W. Elliott.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Mann announce the arrival of a daughter, Rebecca June, Friday, June 26, at their home on West Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Hub McClure of Hayesville announce the birth of a daughter, at Angel clinic, July 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Guest, of Franklin route 1, announce the birth of a son, June 22, at Angel Clinic.

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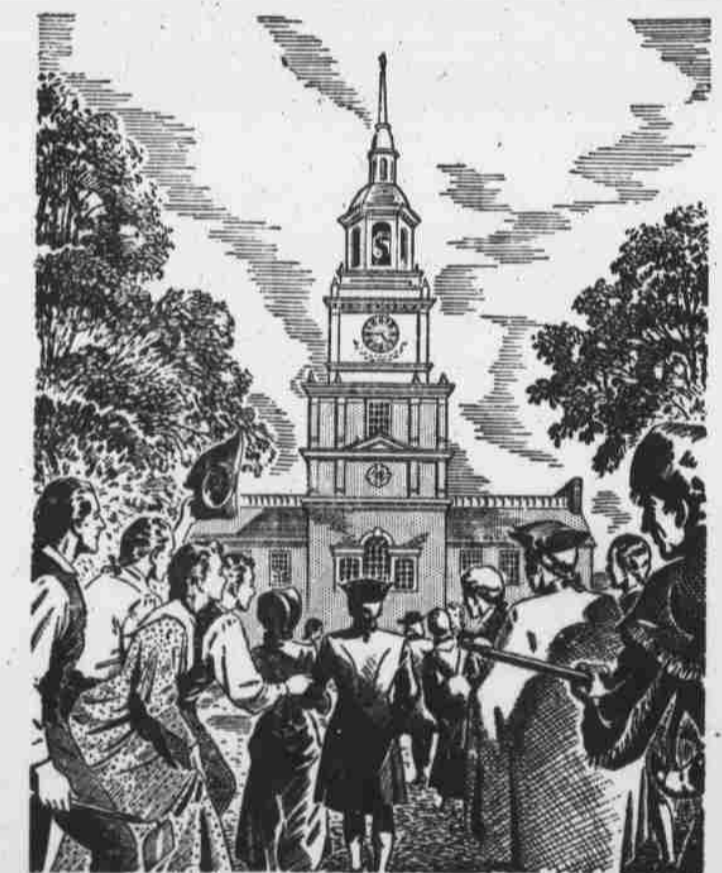
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