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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY



But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall stand before the judgement seat of Christ. Rom. 14:10

The above "thought for the day" is plenty of food for thought.

As we go along through life, we are continually thinking and saying He's doing wrong; I wouldn't have done it that way. Why don't he do like I do. This is criticising our fellowman or in other words judging him or setting at nought with him.

Hindering the progress of our neighbor, our daily friends, is also setting at nought.

Just because some people have a little more of the worldly goods than others they will put stumbling blocks in the paths of others less fortunate. There is one thing sure, when he dies he is not going to take it with him when he goes to the seat of judgement to account for the things he did and the way in which he did them.

ART CERAMICS

(Continued from last week)

Archaeological research is comparatively modern. As a means of recovering the past history of cities like Nineveh, Jericho, Mycenaee, Troy, Conossos, the ancient never thought of using the spade. The middle ages were more concerned with theological questions than with classical and pre-classical antiquity. Ancient pottery has become the key to our knowledge. Pottery finds in Trans Jordan have been a great aid in recovering lost civilizations.

Owing to the continuity of history in Palestine lasting from the early part of the Bronze age or earlier, to the Byzantine or Mediaeval Arabic, three nulleniums B. C., to the fifth or twelfth century A. D., there are a multiplicity of "tulul", Arabic plural for "tell". During intervals of many consecutive centuries in Trans-Jordan, there was an almost complete absence of "tulul". Then as now with its 350,000 Bedouins over occupied the land for the most part and they were made. Diodorus tells us that the Nabateans were nomadic Arabs in the 4th century B. C. Strabo relates that they lived in stone houses, carried on trade and were also agriculturists by the 3rd century B. C.

Some of the sites had histories of less than 500 years. "Pots-herds" seem to be undestructible. Even though many of the ancient sites had been ploughed over for generations, leaving mere barren fields, "eloquent speaking" pottery has been found. Tawilan (Amos 1:12—Teiman is Tawilan), an important Iron Age Edomite site near the famous Roch City Petra, had this destructive experience. Petra was the great center of Nabatean civilization. Archaeological "finds" there lead to the discovery of the great fortress of Umm el Biyarah on an almost unaccessible mountain top. This is the Biblical seler (1 Chron. 2:55 Jer. 35: 6-16)

Immediately outside of Petra, Edomite potsherds were found, thousands and thousands of fragments (13th and 6th century B. C.), were between Ain Musa (Spring of Moses) and Ain Sidr, and the Sig (famous entrance into Petra).

Potsherds (broken pottery) and pottery have taught us that political and economic factors were the cause of intensive settlements or extensive abandonments. Not climatic conditions as it was long supposed. The latter has changed very little.

Pre-history is being unearthed. The "spade" is becoming the hand maid of history, revealing the history of entire civilizations and solving many of the disputed points in the Bible. In fact, the Bible gives such exact descriptions of boundaries, of locations, of cities, in most cases, that there can be no doubt about their situation. The Bible was used as a topographic and geographical guide by General Allauby and by the soldiers in First World War. Many Bibleal names are still used. We mentioned Ammon.

Archaeologists have been described as "hunting dogs with their noses to the ground, sniffing our scents". Many have asked how their work is carried on and "how can they be sure." (To be continued next week)

Talc, widely used in the manufacture of floor and wall tiles for bathrooms, is also the base for talcum powder.

Use of tobacco as money is as old as its cultivation, it matched gold as legal tender in colonial Virginia.

BROAD RIVER

Mrs. Daisy Fortune Culbtheth of Norfolk, Va., is spending the summer months with her aunt, Mrs. Sarah White and her cousins Mr. and Mrs. J. H. White of Broad River.

They enjoyed a nice trip with a picnic lunch to the Glades, known as the Glade Creek Falls. They were accompanied by, Hannah and Jake Curtis, Mrs. Polly White and sons, Billy, Tommy and Burtis. Pictures were taken of the various groups on the falls. Every one enjoyed the outing very much.

Mrs. Mary White and Mrs. Culbtheth enjoyed a trip to Asheville this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelly and children visited Mrs. Sarah White Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. White visited Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Plemmons last Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Plemmons are proud parents of an 8 pound baby son, Donald Olen.

A series of Prayer Meetings have been in progress for the last month, young people members of Wilkie Baptist Church meet each Sunday at 2:00 P.M., at the neighbors home for the services.

Hubert Massey celebrated his 18th birthday August 1st.

Jake Curtis celebrated his 14th birthday July 17th.

Conservation News

By L. B. HAIR

J. M. Mackey and J. G. Burgin of Marion Rt. 4, O. I. Berry and A. J. Wilkerson of Marion Rt. 2, J. H. Greenlee of Marion Rt. 3 and other McDowell farmers mowed their alfalfa last week. These farmers are pleased with the quality and the quantity of hay that they harvested.

E. G. Dysart and E. J. Burgin of Marion Rt. 4, C. M. Jolly and George Lindley of Old Fort, Clyde Gilliam of Old Fort Rt. 1, Charles Greenlee of Marion Rt. 3, M. V. Smydes of Nebo and other farmers are making their plans and preparing to plant alfalfa on their farms the last of August or first of September.

Col. D. W. Adams of Old Fort planted three acres of red clover last week, in the field across the railroad from his home.

G. S. Justice of Old Fort Rt. 1 is well pleased with the permanent hay that he seeded last fall in the field on the south side of the highway.

Mr. Justice states that he harvested enough hay at the first cutting to pay for the handling the hay and \$15.00 in cash above these expenses.

New Timber To Be Available

Mr. A. P. (Bud) Perley and J. A. Dougherty have recently purchased the timber rights on the boundary known as the F. R. Gustavo property. This timber consists of fine poplar, water oak, maple, chestnut and pine.

All of the pine and construction grades of lumber will be sold to the Black Mountain Lumber Co., for use in construction of houses and buildings.

The hardwood lumber will be sold mainly to the Morgan Mfg. Co., to be used in the manufacture of furniture.

The saw mill is now in the process of being set up just below the bridge at the old Spanish Castle site and barring a bad weather the mill should be in operation within the next fifteen or twenty days.

All of the wood resulting from sawing will be sold locally through Mr. Finley Stepp.



MIGHTY ATOM . . . The grim secret and the revelation of the horrifying effects of radioactivity following the atom bombing of Japan was given the world here by a man of science who saw it. He is Col. Paul D. Keller, 98th division surgeon stationed at Osaka. He asserted Jap scientists knew the "how" of the atom bomb but could not put it to work. The above picture, furnished by Colonel Keller, shows the twisted remains of a railroad right-of-way in the bombed area.

Our Short Sermon

In the fifteenth chapter of Luke we find Jesus speaking to a group of Publicans and sinners. There were also a group of scribes and Pharisees. The Pharisees began to criticise Jesus because He was dealing with the Publicans and sinners. Jesus knowing the inward thoughts of this critical group began to speak to them in parables. We have in this chapter three great parables of Jesus. They are known as the lost sheep the lost coin, and the lost boy. We want to take these parables and try to get the meaning in the light of our present age. When you examine closely the parables of this chapter you will find that they are all inclusive with mans living conditions.

In the first parable the sheep was lost while trying to make a living for himself. This one sheep had strayed off from the rest of the herd thinking he could get along better without the guidance of the shepherd. A great many people will get away from the common cause of humanity seeking a life for themselves without respect for those that are around about them. They think they can get along without the guidance of God or the assistance of those who try to follow the great shepherd, and in doing so they become lost to the great common cause that should bind all men together.

In the second parable the woman has lost a piece of silver in her house and she has to light a candle and sweep the floors and search diligently before she can find it. This can represent our home life. A great many things that are sacred to the home has been lost because we have let so many things come in that if we try to regain the life we should have there must be a lot of sweeping.

In the third parable we have a young man that became lost in seeking pleasure. Wholesome recreation is essential but riotous living is dangerous. For whatsoever a man soweth that he also shall reap. Christian people must not and cannot afford to indulge in the things that would cause the people outside the church to loose their respect for the man who calls himself a Christian.

In conclusion let us say that we should make an honest living, have a decent and respectable home and seek not after the pleasures and evils of the world.

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ECHOES FROM THE MOUNTAINS

H. Grady Hardin.

Too often we try to test the results of Christianity on the basis of selfish desires.

A well-known business man attributes his large dividends to his acceptance of a form of Christianity. A man recently stated that his long life and good health were the results of his faith in Jesus Christ. Some have gone so far as to say that America's victory in the recent war was because of our Christian faith.

There are many dangers in such a view. First, there is too glib an assumption about what Christianity is. In the second place, there is a tendency to ignore the real results of the Christian faith and life. Suppose the business man should loose money—what would he say of his faith then? Jesus declared no dividends, nor has the needle's eye been enlarged since Jesus spoke. Suppose the man of good health and long life should be stricken with a dread disease—would he give up his faith in the love of God? Does such a person assume that the people who die young or suffer greatly have no faith? To do so would be to ignore some of the great Christians of all times. Suppose America had lost the war, would we have blamed God? Are the Christians of Finland to suppose that they would have defeated Russia had their faith been more Christian.

Ours must be a faith that will remake our lives so completely that our honesty and purpose and character is not dependent on business conditions, health or victory but on our awareness of God's deeper purposes for our lives.

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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

(It is suggested that you tear this prayer out and place it at your table to be used as a basis for family devotions each morning of the week.)

Our Father, we are pushed about by the changing thoughts and circumstances of life until we grope for certainties and places of peace. In the rush of our activity give us a feeling of calm and an awareness of thy peace. "O Thou, who changest not" abide with us this day. Amen.

Daily Walks Of Life

God is everywhere evenly present. There is no absence of His substance anywhere. He always has provided and always will provide for His children.

The reason why many persons fail to realize prosperity is that they accept and believe in the idea of lack. From the teachings of Jesus we are inspired to accept and believe in the Father's providing for our needs, we are quickened to a faith that does not fear shortages or limitation. Firmly established in the knowledge that God is our Father and provides abundantly for us, we find our supply coming into manifestation promptly, in order, without delay or confusion.

Cultivate the habit of thinking of yourself as a child of God with access to abundant supply. Train your mind to have faith and confidence in God as your instant and constant source of supply. Nothing will be lacking in your world when you know your spiritual inheritance, when you accept it now.

My heart tells me that I am never alone, that there is One who is with me to give me counsel, to give me love, to give me comfort, to help me meet everything that I am called upon to meet in a courageous, triumphant way.

My heart tells me to remain steadfast in faith even when I feel crushed in spirit, even when the darkness is so dense that I cannot see an inch ahead, even when I feel forsaken or lost.

My heart tells me that I am one with God, that I am ever-infolded in the tenderness of His love, in the almightiness of His power, in the light of His understanding. My heart tells me that God and I are one. As I turn in faith and with a yielding spirit to Him, I am filled with love, with power, with understanding.

My heart tells me to let go of every sorrowing or distressing thought and to accept God's blessing of peace and comfort. My heart tells me to have faith in the ever-infolding love of God.

Frayed Trousers Cuffs

A strip of cloth or tape sewed just inside the edge takes the brunt of wear off trouser cuffs.

Social Events

Mrs. Donna Sullivan, of Fredonia, N. Y., is visiting Miss Mary Young and Miss Edith Chatterton.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Slagle, of Black Mountain, August 6, at Mission Hospital in Asheville. Their other five children are boys.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Morris of Black Mountain, R. F. D. No. 1, a son at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Miss Hooker To Marry Mr. William G. Porter

Miss Alice Hooker, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Hooker, will be married to William G. Porter of Troy, N. Y., in a double ring ceremony at the Methodist church on Saturday afternoon August seventeenth at 2:00 P.M.

Mr. Porter is a radio announcer. He was employed at WTRY in Troy, N. Y., since his discharge from the service early this year. Rev. Grady Hardin will perform the ceremony. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

The bride and groom will leave town for the honeymoon. They will live in Schenectady, N. Y.

From the Chinese world has obtained silk, paper, printing, the compass, gunpowder, the peach tree, orange, lemon, tea, porcelain, chrysanthemum and soybean.

Nicaragua has the largest area of any Central American republic.

Perfume ingredients are not all floral—they include ambergris from the whale, castor from the beaver, musk from the deer and civet cat.

The Greek government has given the British empire across near Phaliron on the Gulf of Athens for a cemetery for British war dead.

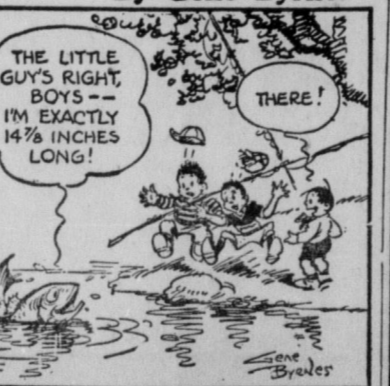


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