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**Fall Colors Display Unveiling Is Ready**

Mother Nature is about to begin her annual coloring of leaves in much of North America.

Fall foliage in an area broadly ranging from Canada's Maritime Provinces to the Ozarks and from the Great Smokies to the Rockies creates a spectacular color display unparalleled anywhere in the world.

The annual leaf-changing show is a virtuoso performance that only Nature could produce, the National Geographic Society says.

Conditions Must Be Right  
 This eye-catching pageant in full color is at its best in portions of the United States and Canada because those areas have just the right combination of tree types, climate, and weather.

An essential ingredient is a great variety of deciduous trees, the kind whose broad leaves turn color and drop in autumn. The majority of these are hardwoods, and they are most abundant in North America.

The coloration process works best where there is real Indian summer - clear, bright days and moderately cool nights in proper proportion.

Reduced daylight hours, not drops in temperature, set off the changes in leaves. The shortening of the days signals a tree to slow down its growth and enter a dormant period.

The roots respond by curtailing the flow of sap - a combination of water and nutrients - to the leaves, which slowly lose their firm connection with the twigs and branches.

At the same time, things begin happening to chlorophyll, the green pigment in leaves. No longer renewed by the tree's circulation, it begins to decompose and bleach away.

Then pigments the chlorophyll has hidden can be seen and have their brief period of glory.

Yellow and orange leaves get their color from two pigments, carotene and xanthophyll. Reds and purples are produced by a group of pigments called anthocyanins. Combinations of these agents bring about variegated hues in a single tree.

Ever-changing Patterns  
 Color patterns change almost

**SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS**



WASHINGTON - The six-week Senate debate on military procurement policies aired most of the criticisms about our weapons systems before the 1970 authorization bill was cleared last week.

The debate, which began on July 8th, ranged over most of our military hardware, including the anti-ballistic missile system, the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, and the F-14 fighter and C-5A troop transport planes. On final passage, most of the Senate Armed Services Committee recommendations authorizing these weapons were intact, but the debate made it likely that military programs will receive a more critical review than in the immediate past.

Much of the criticism of the military spending requests stems from a deep concern over the progress of the Vietnam War and our failure to conclude that conflict. This is understandable, for most Americans would like nothing better than find some way to reduce defense costs. In the debate over this bill, however, this frustration was translated into many amendments which, if they had been accepted, would have scrapped some of the best weapons our research has developed. Fortunately, this did not happen.

The argument was made time and again during this debate that there ought to be a cheaper way to defend ourselves. The fact is that the Senate Armed Services Committee, of which I am a member, reduced the original authorization request by \$3 million, and concluded that the weapons it recommended were essential to the national security of this nation.

While we may long for lessened military expenditures, our nation faces the reality that we have agreed to defend most of the free world in the two decades since World War II. We have signed treaties to defend some 42 nations, and we have made agreements whereby we maintain military installations in 3 other nations. As a consequence, we now maintain 429 major bases and 2,972 minor bases throughout the free world.

The military hardware authorized by the defense procurement bill is in response to these commitments. I think that there is need for us to undertake a review of our military position daily as autumn progresses. Reds and purples turn to bronzes as bright pigments blend with the browns of dying leaves.

Finally, most of the leaves reach the ground, either falling of their own weight or losing their slight hold in a breeze.

In most areas they either remain on the ground and decay or are hauled off. In others, field and laboratory tests by U. S. Geological Survey scientists suggest, leaves may create a localized water pollution problem when they fall into drinking-water sources and decompose.

**BIBLE VERSE**

"As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee; I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."

1. To whom is this promise addressed?
2. Upon what occasion?
3. What task did he accomplish?
4. Where may this promise be found?

**Answers To Bible Verse**

1. To Joshua.
2. Upon his succession to the leadership of the children of Israel, after the death of Moses.
3. He led the Israelites over the Jordan into the Promised Land.
4. Joshua 1:5.

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**Good Hunting!**

It's That Time of the Year Again.

The men and the boys are taking to the fields and woods . . . sort of hawks looking for doves.

Since doves sometimes perch on overhead telephone cables, and since shotgun pellets or rifle slugs can destroy these cables - causing much inconvenience to customers and costly repair time - we make this plea to all sportsmen:

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**Let's Go To Church Sunday Make Church Going A Habit**

**ONE IDEA OF GOD**

At the entrance to the valley where they buried their kings an ancient and industrious people carved the Sphinx.

This was their idea of God: the body of a lion, suggesting power . . . the face of a man, suggesting personality . . . the whole amazing image suggesting their belief in a MIGHTY deity who could be KNOWN.

Today, in our churches, we worship God as Jesus Christ revealed Him: almighty but merciful . . . knowing and eager to be known . . . loving man and seeking man's love . . . saving all who believe in their Saviour - His Son!

Can the ancient Sphinx have any significance for men and women like ourselves who have before us the Gospel and example of Christ?

Only this: As long as it remains, the awesome Sphinx will remind us of man's search for God. Just as our own church bells remind us of our opportunity to know, love, and serve Him!

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As has been mentioned in our last lesson, Solomon's reign marked great progress in the story of Israel's national life, and has often been referred to as Israel's Golden Age.

David had delivered Israel from her enemies on every side. His son, Solomon, by his own attributes as builder, trader and administrator, was to bring her to respected recognition by the nations of her day and time. Jesus, himself, spoke of "Solomon in all his glory" (Matt. 6:29). However, towards the end of his reign, Solomon permitted materialism and idolatry to enter into Israel's life, and so disrupted the spiritual national life of the people. All of which brings to our attention forcibly, once again, that continuing obedience to the laws and commandments of God is essential for a full and fruitful national life for any country . . . and for any single individual.

Solomon, in the early part of his reign, prayed to God for an understanding heart, above all, and this is, in some measure, the stature of the man. Indeed, there are many proverbs and psalms in the Bible which are attributed to him . . . all of which express a tender and sensitive soul, and an awareness of God's blessings. He was, indeed, a man who saw with his heart, as well as his eyes, who heard with his mind and soul, as well as with his ears.

He was active; under his rule the people knew a higher standard of living than they had ever known before, not a small part of which was due to improved agricultural methods, the development of the natural ore mines which were in their territorial boundaries, the raising and trading of spirited horses, the fleet of ships which were built under Solomon's jurisdiction, and which sailed the seas, bringing many precious cargoes to the nation, which stimulated the Israelite economy still further.

However, Solomon's trade pacts with other countries, as has been mentioned before, often resulted in the taking of foreign wives, as a token of good faith, and these, with their own worship of heathen idols, played a great part in Solomon's downfall. For, once again, idolatry was established in the land around Jerusalem. And at least God called Solomon into accounting for his idolatry.

What does this lesson contain for our contemporary day and time? Surely this study of a prosperous Israel contains some message for America today! We, too, are prosperous; we, too, tend to forget the Lord from whom all our blessings flow; we, too, tend to "rest on our laurels" and substitute the gods of money and leisure for the one and only real, true God! For prosperity is always a threat to the spiritual health of individuals and of a nation.

We are plagued with social problems that keep this country in the forefront of news headlines all over the world. We are plagued with riots and sit-ins, and crime in the streets, and as a result of much of this, our economy is threatened. Surely we need to sit back and take stock of our situation today, and remember the ups and downs of Israel!

We must ever be cognizant of the fact that with privilege comes responsibility - which was one thing Solomon and his fellow countrymen forgot!

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