

World Events And The Bible

At times the words and actions of others can make a person very angry. When faced with such provocation, what should you do? The Bible recommends, "Be agitated, but do not sin. Have your say in your heart, upon your bed and keep silent." Ps. 4:4.

There is real wisdom in this counsel. A person may be rightly disturbed, but it is then that real self control is needed. There is a danger that one might lash out at another, a quarrel might start, and often times many persons have seriously injured or killed relatives and friends under these circumstances.

So that we do not act rashly we need to give thought to the consequences of what we do. When God's servant David failed to do this on one occasion and got heated up against the man Nabal, he incurred Bloodguilt. (1 Sam. 25: 5-33) As in the case of David, keeping one's anger in check is not always easy. It does help greatly, however, to avoid taking oneself too seriously and not to have an exaggerated concern for one's name. This is well illustrated in the case of King Saul. (1 Sam. 9:21) His modest attitude later helped him when certain men talked disrespectfully about him. 1 Sam. 10:27.

Important too, in calming one's agitation is remembering one's relationship with the Creator. Jehovah God does not look with favor upon those who take a vengeful attitude. (Pro. 24: 17,18.) One could jeopardize his standing with Jehovah if he harbored bitter animosity, he would be claiming a right that only Jehovah has. Rom. 12:19. Pro. 24:29.

Failure to exercise self-control may also lead to the loss of personal dignity. Pro. 12:16. One who gets overly excited about some personal affront and then acts rashly makes himself appear

foolish in the eyes of others. The one maintaining self control gains a moral victory. This was certainly true of Jesus Christ. He would say to his disciples; "Take courage I have conquered the world." John 16:23. Though faced with threats and reviling, Jesus never adopted the wicked ways of the world. 1 Pet. 2:23 Since the world did not succeed in getting Jesus to react in kind, it went down in defeat before him. He came off as the victor. Our gaining a like victory is something truly worthwhile.

At times even persons responsible for our becoming disturbed can be benefited by our remaining calm. The good effect kindness can have on them is highlighted at Pro. 25: 21, 22.

Because of being treated kindly the person responsible for the agitation may become ashamed and start to think seriously about his words and actions. This may cause him to change and to bring out his better qualities. Even if this is not the case, the one who does not retaliate can look to Jehovah to reward him.

Truly we are wise when we have our say in our hearts and maintain self control. To this end, we do well to cultivate modesty and humility. We also need to be on guard lest we become hasty in our speech and actions. Thereby we will avoid jeopardizing our standing before Jehovah and we will preserve our dignity and gain a moral victory and may even aid those responsible for provocation to change their ways for the better.

Let Jehovah's Witnesses show you now by studying the Bible how to further cultivate modesty and humility, and how to have your say, only in your heart.

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APRIL WEDDING — Mr. and Mrs. William Ray White of Hertford announce the engagement of their daughter Peggy Faye, to Lt. Albert Wayne Day, son of Mr. and Mrs. O.J. Day of Fayetteville, N.C. The wedding is planned for Sunday, April 18 at 3 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Hertford. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.



TO WED ON FRIDAY — The wedding of Joyce Dianne Lamb and PFC Bill Christopher Griswold will be solemnized Friday, March 5 at 7 p.m. in the Burgess Baptist Church on Harvey Point Road. Friends and relatives are invited to attend. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Lamb. The prospective groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill J. Griswold.

Sunday School Lesson

ALL ON THE ALTAR (Matthew 19: 1-2; 20: 17-28)

Watson once said, "To obey God in some things, and not in others, shows an unsound heart. — Childlike obedience moves toward every command of God as the needle points where the loadstone draws."

Our Lord Jesus referred to God as His Father. Jesus rendered full and complete obedience to the Father. Nothing short of this should be the goal and direction of the followers of Him today.

NEEDS OF THE MULTITUDES (Matthew 19: 1-2)

This is Matthew's account of Jesus' final journey to Jerusalem. He takes His leave of Galilee and enters the region of Judea beyond the Jordan River. This seems to have been Perea, a political district under Herod Antipas.

Then as now there were many and varied needs among the people. "Great multitudes followed him ..." Sincere disciples of Jesus will never surrender completely to His lordship if they do not see the needs of the masses. The true child of God will be touched and moved with compassion when he is aware of the needs of others. Christ has put His Spirit within us. He has enabled us to see the world through His eyes and feel their needs with His heart.

When so many needs surround everyone of us how can we keep back any part of ourselves? It is time to respond with all of our hearts and present ourselves to Him.

NEWS FROM THE MASTER, (Matthew 20: 17-19)

As Jesus and His disciples were going up to Jerusalem, He took His disciples aside and sought again to break the news to them of His coming death. This was the third time He had tried to make them understand that He must suffer and die. The prophets, especially Isaiah, had spoken of the Suffering Servant. The disciples did not want to believe their Messiah must suffer so they rejected even the plain words of Jesus.

The disciples' actions here teaches us a much needed lesson. We usually only hear that which we already believe. We can so easily turn a deaf ear to anything we do not choose to hear — even the Word of God!

This passage further points out the willingness of Jesus to give Himself for the sins of the world. His death was no accident. Neither was His death a surprise to Him. He was well aware that mocking, scourging, and death by crucifixion awaited Him in Jerusalem. He also knew that God the Father would not leave Him in the grave.

NATURE OF THE MINISTRY, (Matthew 20: 20-28)

Human nature is such that it wants the best for the least exerted effort. James, John, and their mother were no different. They wanted the highest position in the messianic kingdom. Their request revealed plainly that they had completely misunderstood the nature of His kingdom. They were evidently influenced by what they knew of earthly and political kingdoms.

Jesus took this opportunity to teach them the true nature of honor and greatness. According to Jesus, greatness does not come by exercising authority over others. This was the standard used by the pagans to determine greatness. True greatness comes by the way of humility and service. Whoever wanted to be great in God's eyes must become a servant to his fellowman.

If the disciples needed proof of the truth of His teaching, they could look at Him. Jesus was the servant to the least. He humbled Himself. He gave His life in sacrifice for sinners. God kept His promise, and exalted His Son. God gave Jesus a name above every name, and at that name every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God the Father!

BIBLE QUESTION OF THE WEEK

"What was the real significance of that first Pentecost in the early church?"

ANSWER

The Church was empowered to give an effective witness to the world. The Holy Spirit came upon every believer. He came to abide with them forever.

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REV. RALPH W. HARRELL



MRS. RALPH W. HARRELL

Harrells To Speak At Hertford Baptist

The Rev. and Mrs. Ralph W. Harrell will be the special guest for both the morning and the evening worship service at the Hertford Baptist Church on Sunday, March 7. Rev. Harrell will be speaking at the 11 a.m. worship service and Rev. and Mrs. Harrell will show film of their work on the mission field in Nairobi, Kenya at the 7:30 p.m. worship service.

Baptist missionaries in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda; manager of the Baptist assembly grounds at Limuru, Kenya; and evangelistic worker in Limuru and Nairobi. Mrs. Harrell has also worked in a community center in Dar es Salaam, done evangelistic work in Nairobi and helped manage the Baptist assembly of East Africa in Limuru.

The Harrells were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1958. They are Southern Baptist missionaries stationed in Nairobi, Kenya, where Rev. Harrell, a native of Chowan County, is director of the editorial department of the Baptist publishing house and Mrs. Harrell has written and edited children's literature. During their years in East Africa, he has served as Superintendent of a Baptist community center in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania; Treasurer of the Baptist Mission of East Africa (organization of Southern

Mrs. Harrell, the former Rosaline Knott, a native of Granville County, N.C. has a twin sister, Rebecca (Mrs. Hugh T. McKinley), who is a Southern Baptist missionary to Rhodesia. She taught school in Rockingham, N.C., and did substitute teaching in Louisville Ky. schools before missionary appointment.

After furlough Rev. Harrells expect to work as literature coordinator for Eastern and Southern Africa.

The public is invited to attend these services.

— Obituaries —

MRS. MARGARET LOWE BENTON

Mrs. Margaret Lowe Benton, 72, of Rt. 3, Hertford, died Friday morning in the Albemarle Hospital following a day's illness. A native of Perquimans County, she was the daughter of the late David Walton and Mrs. Ida Mae Freeman Lowe. She was a member of Berea Church of Christ.

Surviving are her widower Claude C. Benton; four daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Broughton of Virginia Beach, Va., Mrs. Mae Moore of Chesapeake, Va., Mrs. Margaret Cobb of Norfolk and Mrs. Leola Todd of Mitchell, Va.; a step-daughter, Mrs. Stella Mae Russell of Rt. 3, Hertford; two sons, Ralph Benton of Virginia Beach, Va. and Claude C. Benton, Jr. of Lynhaven, Virginia; a sister, Mrs. Ida Jennings of Elizabeth City; 25 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Berea Church of Christ by the Rev. Jim Stanley. Burial was in Cedarwood Cemetery.

"I Will Put Jesus First" was sung by the Church Choir and "In The Garden" was played by Mrs. Guy Webb, organist.

The casket pall was made of yellow carnations and white chrysanthemums.

Pallbearers were William Mann, Helmic Benton, Norman Benton, Warren Benton, Fred Becker, Thomas Lowe, Lawrence Lowe and Willis Jennings.

Honorary pallbearers were Claude Russell, Rusty Rayfield, Jesse Harrell and Eric Benton.

DANIEL M. FORBES SHAWBORO, N.C. — Daniel Mercer Forbes, 74, father of the Rev. Daniel M. Forbes Jr. of Tyner, died Monday. Funeral services were held Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the Shiloh Baptist Church with burial in the family cemetery at Riddle.

Besides the Rev. Forbes, he is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary Ferebee Forbes; two sisters, Mrs. Annie Wright of Elizabeth City and Mrs. Sally Burgess of Norfolk; a brother, Russell Forbes of Pleasant Hill; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

May Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Markham Thompson Sr. of Edenton announce the engagement of their daughter, Gayle Pemberton, to Mr. Patrick Joseph Norton Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Joseph Norton Sr., of Raleigh. The wedding is planned for May 15 at the Edenton United Methodist Church.

Dear friends,

In the prearranging of funerals, since there is no way of knowing exactly when, where, how, and under what circumstances death will occur, these unknown factors could alter original plans substantially. Careful counseling with your attorney and a competent funeral director can avoid unwise planning or even fraudulent schemes for financing funerals in advance of death.

Respectfully,

Marion Swindell

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of the marriage of their parents
on Sunday, the fourteenth of March
Nineteen hundred and seventy-six
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at the home of their parents
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No gifts

CLASSES GET TOGETHER — The Junior High Class of the First United Methodist Church of Elizabeth City and their teachers, Mrs. Mary Lee Kozik and Mrs. Mary Anne Foreman, were the guests of the Junior High Class of First United Methodist Church, Hertford, and their teacher, Mrs. Janice Boyce, during the Church School hour on Sunday, February 22th. The two groups participated in a study and a discussion concerning the coming Lenten Season and Easter. This was the first joint meeting of these classes, and they are planning more such meetings in the future. The class from Elizabeth City stayed for church services during which the Primary, Junior and Youth Choirs presented the morning message in music and drama.

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