



FIRST IN A SERIES ON THE TEN COMMANDMENTS In the 20th chapter of Exodus, we find the Ten Commandments (laws). Many believe that this set of ancient codes is a lot of "hog-wash" -- never looking to them as the "nature of principles". It is my conviction that to violate these codes is to bring disaster to the individual and society, as a whole.

Let us take a concerned look at the First Commandment. EXODUS 20:3: "THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME." We will call our discussions on the Ten Commandments in this series, "The True Guides For Your Life Ship".

This first commandment has a brief preface. "I AM THE LORD THY GOD...THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME." This code, you see, begins with a great assumption. It assumes the reality of God. It begins by asserting that God is. The author of this code, whoever he may have been, makes no effort to prove God. He simply affirms him. In so doing, he is in harmony with all the other writers of the Bible. The psalmists do not argue about God. They realize Him and rejoice in His mercies. The prophets never undertake to prove God; they proclaim Him. This is emphatically true of Jesus. He lived in constant fellowship with the Father. He communed with him; he did his work through the might of his power. He revealed him, saying, "HE THAT HATH SEEN ME HATH SEEN THE FATHER." But he never argues about Him.

These psalmists and prophets do not take this position, I am sure, because there are no evidences of God. Of course, we cannot prove God by any sort of logic; yet, there are unmistakable evidences of his existence. This ordered universe with its infinite marks of intelligence is one tremendous evidence. If you tell me that you drive a car, and I ask you what make it is, I feel that I am asking a perfectly reasonable question. If you answer, "It is no make at all; it is the result of blind forces that had no pre-vision of what they were creating." I will not conclude that you are wiser than I, but only that you are less sane. With the poet, we can still hear God say:

"Before the roaring loom of time I ply and weave the garment thou seest me by."

Of course, the conception of God that was prevalent when this code was written is not our conception. Man's conception of God has changed vastly since then. Since then, the Word has become flesh and dwelt among us, and we have been privileged to behold his glory. We have seen him gather little children into his arms. We have seen him bend over outcasts in love and mercy. We have seen him make every man's burden his own. We have heard him say, "IF GOD WERE HERE HE WOULD BE DOING JUST WHAT I AM DOING. HE IS HERE IN ME. FOR HE HATH SEEN ME HATH SEEN THE FATHER."

But the fact that our conceptions of God change with the passing of the years, does not mean that God changes. Our conception of the universe has changed vastly since that far-off day. Their universe was a very small affair; ours stretches away into the infinite. When the psalmist sang, "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou has ordained, what is man that thou art mindful of him?" he thought of those stars and of that moon as very near and friendly little candles to light his way. We think of them today in a far different fashion. Yet they are the very same stars and the very same moon at which the psalmist looked. In the same way, though our conceptions of God change, God abides, "the same yesterday, today, and forever."

Now in saying that God is ours for the taking, this ancient lawgiver speaks in harmony with the whole Bible. This affirmation sounds hearteningly in the Old Testament rises to a shout of victory in the New. Whatever else we may miss, no man need miss God. How insistent and appealing is this declaration upon the lips of Jesus!

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High Point Soil Erosion Control Ordinance

High Point. Man has not always been mindful of the awesome powers of nature. In his ignorance, either actual or convenient, man has often disturbed the land itself in ways that made it easy for the forces of wind and water to erode in an accelerated fashion. Indeed, a hard five-inch downpour of rain puts

135,770 gallons of water on an acre of land, and if the land is not properly protected, this water can carry off as much as 20 tons of topsoil per surface acre. This rich, fertile topsoil is lost leaving a sterile, hard-pan, and the run-off sedimentation causes pollution of the waterways destroying the marine life therein and becoming unfit for human consumption. Sever Sedimentation can also block natural and artificial waterways causing destructive flooding.

In recognition of the adverse aspects of soil erosion and sedimentation, the State of North Carolina has enacted a Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control statute and an accompanying enabling act which gives cities and counties the option of abiding by the State statute, or enacting their own ordinance to deal with the problem. The only restriction placed upon the



Retired A&T Farm Supervisor Buried In Greensboro Rites

Greensboro. Martin F. Bluford Street, retired from A&T in 1960 after serving in various capacities at the chancellor of A&T State University, said, "Mr. Holt made outstanding contributions at A&T State University over the years. He remained a close friend of the university even after his retirement."

Holt, who lived at 1011

enabling act is that their ordinances must be at least as restrictive as the State's. They are free to make it more stringent if they deem it necessary, however, the main point is that the local ordinance may not supercede the State statute if it is less severe than the State's.

The City of High Point accepted the offer to draft its own ordinance on soil erosion and sedimentation control, and, in conjunction with Greensboro and Guilford County, drafted an ordinance known in the City of High Point Soil Erosion Control Ordinance. This ordinance was passed by the City Council of High Point meeting in regular session on January 16,

1975, and later ratified by the North Carolina Sedimentation Control Commission in Raleigh. It is now the law.

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Two recent developments in the North Carolina Kidney Program will give the 330 people in the state who have suffered total kidney failure, a better chance at life, according to Rodney Johnson, program manager.

Two mobile vans equipped with perfusion machines (stimulates a kidney's human environment) have been purchased for transporting cadaver kidneys to transplant centers at Duke, Chapel Hill, Charlotte and Winston-Salem.

"The move will enable us to serve larger hospitals better, but more particularly community hospitals whose participation in the program has been sparse due mostly to the lack of a facility for maintaining and transporting the organ, will now be able to contribute to the kidney procurement effort," Johnson said.

"Probably the biggest reason we have been unable to get cadaver kidneys from smaller community hospitals," Johnson reasoned, "is that personnel at these institutions have not been made sufficiently aware of our desperate need for kidneys."

To remedy that problem three transplant coordinators have been hired. The perfusion specialists, who will be stationed in the Chapel Hill-Duke area, Charlotte and Winston-Salem, will travel the state to attempt to establish protocol among hospital administrators and emergency room and intensive care personnel for the purpose of identifying potential donors.

Johnson said the kidney

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DEATHS

KERNERSVILLE MR. CHARLES CHAVIS Mr. Charles Chavis, 64, of 308 North Cherry St., Kernersville, died in N.C. Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem. Funeral services were held at St. Paul United Methodist Church, High Point. HAZLIP'S FUNERAL HOME was in charge of all arrangements.

HIGH POINT

MR. FREDDY DEBERRY Mr. Freddy Deberry of Trinity, died in High Point Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were held at the Miracle Temple Holiness Church, Trinity. Burial followed in Greenhill Cemetery. MOORE'S FUNERAL SERVICE was in charge of all arrangements.

MR. WILLIAM MARTIN

Mr. William Martin, formerly a resident of High Point, died in New Jersey. Funeral services were conducted at Moore's Funeral Service chapel by the Rev. F.O. Bass. Burial followed in Greenhill Cemetery. MOORE'S FUNERAL SERVICE was in charge of all arrangements.

MR. THOMAS ROBERTSON

Mr. Thomas Robertson of Trinity, died in High Point Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were held at First Baptist Church of Trinity by the Rev. John Mason. Burial followed in Greenhill Cemetery. MOORE'S FUNERAL SERVICE was in charge of all arrangements.

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