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Welcome

At the time of writing numerous regions of England are being banned from using hosepipes due to drought conditions. Farmers are fearful of ruined crops, reservoirs are drying up whilst the nations lawns disintegrate from the prolonged dry heat. Far from this being isolated to England, areas such as Germany are experiencing similar conditions as the mighty Rhine River runs dry and Lake Como in Northern Italy sits at far lower levels than it did just a year ago.

The world is screaming that this is all due solely to climate change (yet news headlines say we are experiencing the worst drought in 500 years – the time of the last period of Earth's temperature increasing which is highly unlikely due to have been caused by man!). It is forced to do this of course because it has dismissed the Genesis account of the world wide Flood. Many Creation Scientists observe that these climate fluctuations the world has witnessed in the last few thousand years are still after effects of this cataclysmic event.

So as the world becomes ever more crisp and dry, people are clamouring for an answer, a solution to these troubling woes. Yet it has not occurred to them that such world wide scenes could easily be God's judgement being poured out on a world that has turned it's back on Him and as a result is getting ever closer to it's fiery conclusion as revealed in the Book of Revelation.

Now of course the devil will not have mankind realising this in case it pleads for God's mercy so instead he leads mankind in a merry dance of self salvation through environmentalism. Instead of seeking the mercy of the Living God of the Bible we should seek the healing of Mother Earth. Mankind has not developed far from it's pantheistic beliefs of the ancients! We are told if mankind is to survive it must unite and heal the world. Such indoctrination is suitable ground for the entrance of the AntiChrist indeed!

So friends we should not be troubled by the events we are witnessing for they are but the fulfilment of all that Our Lord has said must take place before His return. By waiting on Our Lord's return with joyful eagerness as all the world runs

to and fro in panic, we shall be giving a living, breathing witness of the peace of believing in Christ Jesus. On this note let us come to Our Lord in prayer before we enter this month's considerations.

Opening Prayer

Dear Lord and Heavenly Father, we wake each morning through your gracious provision to see a world slipping ever further from thee and thy Word. It is no surprise to us therefore that the peace and security you once blessed our nations with has been removed from them and yet Lord we pray for them still.

Lord we ask as Moses did when he gazed on the rebellious Israelites in the wilderness, that you will be merciful according to your everlasting grace and deliver many lost souls from death unto life by the blood of Christ Jesus. Lord take pity on these lands and restore them we pray; raise up mighty men of valour who are bold and zealous for thee and thy Word so that a grave warning may be declared unto all who will listen, a warning of impending judgment. For as Rehoboam repented humbly of his wickedness after the message of judgement by Shemaiah the prophet; Lord bless us also with men brave to pay no regard to the station of men but only the glory of thy throne for the salvation of the repentant.

Yet Lord whilst we ask for this deliverance we do not cease in our pleas that you Our Lord Jesus will return soon, oh so very soon Lord. We see the evil grow each day and the labour in thy name is getting ever lonelier and heavier to bear but bear it we do for we hold the promise of glory everlasting with thee is our highest hope. This we do ask in Jesus name. Amen.

Rowland Taylor of Hadleigh

Rowland Taylor who fought and died on the Lord's battlefield. He was martyred in the reign of Mary Tudor, dying February 1555 the same day as John Hooper a fellow soldier. He was born in Rothbury, Northumberland on 6 October 1510. He had a minister father, the Rev John Taylor.

We don't know a great deal about his life but he went to Cambridge University where in 1534 he received his Doctor of Legal Laws degree. Taylor was influenced by the likes of Hugh Latimer (another martyr), on leaving university he actually took a position as chaplain to Latimer. When Latimer left his position Taylor served under Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury.

Hadleigh was to become famous in Suffolk as the teachings of the Reformation became known there, another well known name that of Thomas Bilney (also a martyr), was burned at Norwich.

In April 1544 Taylor took up a position as rector at Hadleigh and continued his work in peace during the reign of Edward VI. However, when the Roman Catholic Mary Tudor took the throne then Taylor was noted. Among the truths he preached was that



clerical celibacy was unbiblical.

Martyrdom of Doctor Rowland Taylor

It wasn't long before he was summoned to London to give an account of his 'trouble causing', friends tried to get him to flee for his life to Europe but Rowland Taylor had a appointment with death that he would not cancel.

Soon he was imprisoned for two years and in the Lord's good plans was to have fellowship with another prisoner John Bradford. Eventually after an excuse for a trial he was declared a heretic for denying the Mass. Still the Lord had plans for his faithful soldier for he was to be taken back to Hadleigh to face being burned at the stake. Taylor was happy with his news because he could be the Lord's witness in his own town before his own flock.

He returned on 9 February 1555 having given his clothes and money to those in great need. When he got close to town he got down from his horse and said, 'I know I am almost home. I lack not past two stiles to go over, and I am at even in my Father's house.'

At the stake the crowds had the chance to witness a faithful soldier die and hear his last words which were, 'Merciful Father of heaven, for Jesus Christ my Saviour's sake, receive my soul into thy hands.'

The likes of Taylor and many others (men, women and children), who gave up a faithful confession before a 'great cloud of witnesses', are those who today are betrayed from countless pulpits across this land. Shame on you preachers who stand for nothing. Rome is the same, she has the same false teachings and false gospel that the likes of Taylor stood against. What does the evangelical Church do? It welcomes her, and the Reformed Church?

Quiet as the proverbial mouse.

By Dr David Badger

Don't Give Up!

Few Christians are quick to preach The Word of God, especially young ones, but even many of these stop or 'stall' when someone dismisses The Word of God or tells then them to go away or shush. But as young brothers and sisters of Christ we must not give up. For we have been created to fulfil a purpose, bringing glory to God and through the mercy of Jesus Christ, to lead others to Him also.

When we are a witness about anything to do with the Bible to the world, there will always be at least one to turn you down or tell you to be quiet to put it politely, especially in an education or work environment. But many young Christians, sadly listen the voices of the insults of the world and not the supreme voice of The Holy Ghost. Unfortunately, this

has happened to me before in my primary school, when I was sharing the grace of God and the teacher told me to be to be quiet and sit down.

Some years ago when I was in Year 3, I had a teacher who used to tell me to shush and sit down. Even though I was told off at one point, I kept witnessing but little did I know that the teacher that I was ignored by would help me with my next teacher. In Year 4, I had the Head of Year who was a brilliant teacher and I thought that he could not be taught anything because he already knew it. But the Lord clearly had other ideas for him and for me. I started witnessing thinking 'he is not going to listen to me, he will just tell me to shush and sit down'. Clearly the Lord had other ideas. I started witnessing to him and to my absolute shock he invited me to talk to him at lunch about the Lord God. I talked to him and told him everything I knew at that point and at the end of the conversation he said to me, 'Thank you Naomi. You have given me a lot to think about.' Only the Lord knows what came from that conversation. But for me it felt like I was on fire for The Lord and I just could not stop thinking about him.



As young brothers and sisters in Christ, we should not back down when we are told to shush but remain strong in the faith. After all, think of the amount of times we dismissed Jesus when he was calling us by name. Should we not extend that grace to others too so that they might come to know Him as their Lord and Saviour too? Of course we should and so be bold for Christ and He shall sustain you.

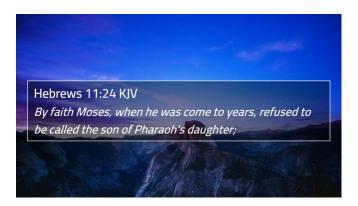
By Naomi Badger (age 13)

Respect For The Coming Recompense

We were very blessed at Truth To Wonder Church during August to host a series of three special Sunday Services that built upon the fascinating work of David Rohl on Ancient Egypt and Biblical history.

In preparation for the beginning of this series I thought on how awe struck many Egyptologists are to gaze upon broken down ruins of a long faded civilisation. I considered how Scripture reveals in **Hebrews 11:24-26**, that Moses refused the treasures of Egypt and chose to suffer with the people of God instead.

What struck me was how Moses made his decision to refuse the sinful pleasures of Egypt when he was a mature adult and therefore wise to the vain and empty trappings of the flesh. Moses, as a Prince of Egypt, would've had access to anything his heart desired. He was at the summit of what lavish luxuries and pleasures this world could possibly offer any individual and yet he CHOSE to turn his back on it all. As verse 24 of Hebrews 11 states, "by faith" Moses chose to leave behind such immensity of fleshly delights for He believed the promises His Lord, the God of his people the Jews has promised to all who follow Him and His Word.



Moses understood through the wisdom given by the Holy Spirit that all the glittering palaces and mighty constructions that populated the world's mightiest civilisation that was Ancient Egypt; it would all be but a temporary pleasure that would inevitably be broken down and destroyed. The wisdom of Moses' choice is seen today as the once stunning land of Egypt and it's incredible array of amazing engineering and architecture now sits broken down and buried under desert sands. Shorn of it's pomp and splendour, the finest treasures of this world as witnessed in Ancient Egypt are now but memories.

Yet Moses had "respect" unto the recompense given by God to those who choose affliction in the Lord's name for they shall share in His glory in eternity. Moses trusted God's promise to all that the years, days, hours, minutes and seconds we suffer for the name of Christ by serving Him in living faithfully according to His Word and defending and declaring His Gospel, shall be amazingly 'compensated' for our sufferings. Our Lord knows all our labours for Him and delights to award gracious eternal treasures to those who serve Him diligently and joyfully. When we are faithful in but are few things, and what is a single life span even with its many hardships, but a short thing and temporary thing when we are gifted in return in His grace an eternity where the treasures shall never fade or be broken down.

Moses valued this promise and having tasted the sweetest delicacies the world could muster he counted it flavourless and unsatisfying and so set after Christ knowing that in Him, all treasures of heaven are held. We are to follow such heroes of the faith as Moses and not chase after the sinful pleasures of this life for whilst they are easily and readily available, they are brief and filled with eternity crushing consequences. So build up your treasures where moth and robber cannot ruin or steal them, place your hope not in the crumbling work of man but in the mighty edifice of the throne of God. Then you will have the strength of Christ gifted to you through the work of the Holy Spirit to endure all things for the beautiful name of Jesus Christ, all to the glory of Our Heavenly Father, Amen.

By Jonathan Badger

Judgement On The Wicked

No unrepentant sinner escapes the righteous judgement of God, for such are His perfect standards that even "idle words" spoken by the wicked shall be judged by Our Lord (Matthew 12:36). How much greater then is

the judgement that awaits those who have harmed children, God's precious little ones of whom Christ warned that if any should harm such tender lives, that it would be better for them to have a millstone tied round their neck and be thrown into the sea than experience the wrath of God for the wickedness!

God hating wickedness was aplenty at the Tavistock Gender Clinic. This clinic established by the Tavistock and Portman Trust is beginning to experience the consequences of it's disgusting actions against God's dear little ones. This clinic was designed to 'actively encourage' children who were 'confused' as to their gender to change their gender at the earliest opportunity. Many times children not long out of pre-school would be pushed by apparent medical professionals to change their gender on the weakest of arguments that this is what the child wanted.

Furthermore children referred to this clinic would often be placed on harmful medication to block the development of their natural gender (such as the recently blocked use of puberty blockers by doctors) causing life altering implications. Such enormous medical decisions were made on the basis of a child showing 'behaviour traits' that are more synonymous with the opposite sex. For example a boy who puts on his mothers shoes and marches around with them on his feet is viewed as being gender confused. Or a girl who enjoys playing with construction toys or a preference for wearing trousers over skirts is equally deemed as being a cause for concern in matters of gender identity.

Now any parent/childcare worker/teacher will tell you that such behaviour is completely normal and is totally unremarkable in it's exhibition. As a child I would sometimes put on my mothers shoes and clomp about in them because they made a pleasing sound as my feet slid across the kitchen floor. Or I would play with her clip on earrings as I found the clicking action fun. No harm, no foul as they say. Yet if this behaviour was observed by a 'professional' from the now closed (praise the Lord!) Tavistock Gender Clinic, I would've been flagged as a cause for concern.

So thousands of children were hurriedly and wrongly referred to this godless institution by clueless doctors and deliberately misinformed parents. Then these children were encouraged no end that what would be best for them would be to embrace their 'preferred gender' as soon as possible so as to secure their personal development and identity as an individual.

Now however a lawsuit against the Tavistock Gender Clinic has been lodged by over 1000 families who assert that they were misdiagnosed and hurried through highly damaging 'treatment'. It is asserted by the families in question that the gender clinic employees used an "unquestioned, affirmative approach" to children identifying as transgender. These 'professionals' were deliberately leading children away from their natural gender (of which there is only TWO – male and female) and would place young, vulnerable children on physically destructive puberty blocking medication.



News of this lawsuit should not be surprising as this gender clinic drew attention in the media for it's extremely harsh but truthful independent external review of the 'services' it provided.

Alert believers in Christ should not be surprised by these developments as only the fragile and spiritually weak Christians of the world would dream of thinking that such a clinic would be pleasing unto God. Such a vile establishment goes against everything that God has ordained regarding what it is to be made either or male or a female.

We are to pray for the families who have been terribly caught up in this awfully wicked and deliberate misleading of them and their children by perverted 'professionals' who are only just beginning to experience the consequences of sinning against the Living God. Pray that Our Gracious Lord comforts these afflicted families and draws them into His healing bosom so that they might know peace everlasting.

With that said we must also pray for the deliverance of these same persons, those responsible for the misery of these poor children and their families, for none are outside of the gracious reach of Christ. Our Lord has saved those who have led such murderous endeavours such as aborting young lives or those who once stood in the deepest darkness as professing witches. Our Lord is patient and long-suffering, not wishing that any should perish (2 Peter 3:9) so pray for them that they might come to Christ Jesus in repentance of sin to know Him as their blessed Saviour and Redeemer. It is better by the stretches of eternity that they come to Him as such than to be called by Him for judgement and come to know of Him in His fullness of righteous judgement against their sin. They must decide as must we all as to how we will know Him, as Saviour or as Judge. I thank God that I know Christ Jesus as my Saviour, is he yours or will He be your judge?

By Jonathan Badger

Faithful in Life and Death - Part 1

Few today in Bible College, church or ministers study have ever read Foxe's book of Martyrs. It was once famous in England, loved by believers and hated by Rome. Open its pages and read of men, women and children who faced the worst of deaths that they might obtain a better resurrection. Some today in the church say their stories are an unsuitable subject, no, those who say such are a disgrace to the testimony of Christ. There are so many martyrs it is difficult to know who to list but we can speak of a few.

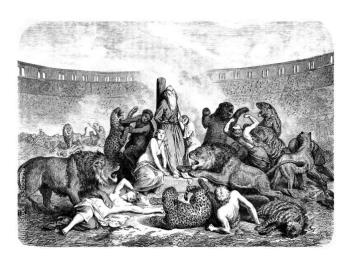
We can refer to the Albigenses who were butchered in huge numbers for their faithful testimony against Rome. There are the Waldenses who went through some 36 persecutions, these believers were thrown down cliffs, hung, drowned, disembowelled, stabbed, torn to pieces by dogs and crucified

upside down, men, women, children, babies.

There were believers that went to the block, the whip, the stone-quarry. Those who were accused of witchcraft or being an heretic, same punishment for both, death. Your ministers today know nothing of church history nor want to. What of Charles V of Spain where 50,000 believers were hanged, beheaded, burned or buried alive in the Netherlands. Gallows and trees on the highway full of bodies.

In less than 40 days, 50,000 Protestants were killed in France. In 1244A.D 200 believers were burned on one bonfire at Montsegur. No wonder that Luther said of Rome, 'The Court of Rome is more corrupt than Babylon or Sodom, the most lawless den of thieves, the most shameless of all the brothels, the very kingdom of sin, death and hell so that not even the Antichrist if he were to come could devise any addition to its wickedness'.

Martyrs blood is the seed of the church, we cannot forget those whose memorial is in heaven and their record on high, God says, 'The righteous shall be in Everlasting Remembrance'.



Let's take a few names:

1) Agape.

Was one of three sisters in Thessalonica who when required to obey heathen law, replied, 'Not any laws that command the worship of idols and devils.' She was burnt to death.

2) Agatha.

A noble Sicilian woman who stood firm and was burnt to death.

3) Agnes.

A Roman noble lady who would not deny the faith. Sentenced to be beheaded she said to the executioner, 'I am now glad, I rejoice that thou art come, I will willingly receive into my bosom the length of this sword, that thus married unto Christ my Spouse, I may surmount and escape all the darkness of this world.' One stroke and her head fell to the ground, she had reached her heavenly home.

4) Alban.

Said to be the first martyr from these Isles, he was beheaded during the Diocletian persecution. He said, 'The sacrifices you offer are made to devils. My name is Alban and I worship the true and living God, who made all things.'

5) Ignatius.

As the lions came towards him he said, 'I am the wheat of Christ; I am going to be ground with the teeth of wild beasts, that I may be found pure bread.'

6) Andronicus.

After scourging he had salt rubbed in his wounds. After further torture he was thrown to the lions, then finally killed with a sword.

Let's move forward a little in time.

7) John Ardley.

He was martyred by Bishop Bonner. That 'godly' Bishop told Ardley of the pain he would suffer while burning. Ardley said, 'If I had as many lives as I have hairs on my head, I would lose them all before I would lose Christ.'

8) Anne Askew.

She was driven from her home by a husband who hated her faith. She was imprisoned, placed on the rack and had her joints and bones pulled out of place. While being tortured she preached for two hours. She was carried to the stake in a chair, as her bones were all dislocated. Then she was offered a pardon if she would deny her faith, but she died in the flames. Her last words were, 'I came not hither to deny my Lord and Master.'

9) John Bainham.

The English martyr who died at the stake, as

the train of gunpowder approached him he said, 'God forgive thee, and show thee more mercy than thou showest me.'

10) John Bradford.

He was chaplain to Edward VI. When Queen Mary came to the throne he was sentenced to be burnt at Smithfield. He died with another young believer and as the flames consumed them he consoled the youth by saying, 'Strait is the gate and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.' We will leave it there for now but D.V we will return to this hallowed ground. Perhaps you should ponder why your minister never speaks of these beloved of Christ. Is it because he doesn't know or because he is afraid of upsetting the ministers fraternity.

Yours in Christ

Dr David Badger

Glory Past and Glory To Come

You will struggle to find anyone whose not aware of Solomon. His fame for his divinely gifted wisdom was the talk of the ancient world, yet such was his brilliance that his wisdom has also stretched through the millennia.



The regal splendour of Solomon's court

Solomon was not only blessed with staggering wisdom but also with stupendous wealth and a reign filled with peaceful days. His reign was truly the golden age of Ancient Israel where no one wanted for anything and every man lived safely "under his vine, and under his fig tree" (1 Kings 4:25). It was life idyllic, an existence craved by everyone even to this day as all fruits of the earth flowed bountifully to every person of Israel from the goodness of God.

The nation of Israel dwelt in it's full territory in blissful political and societal peace, a period isolated in time for a mere forty years, a mere blink of the eye in the scope of history. It was a most beautiful life given in God's grace as a tremendous foreshadowing of the One whom Solomon was a picture or type of, namely Christ Jesus.

The astonishing wisdom of Solomon outstretched all the wise men of the East and of Egypt (1 Kings 4:30) and he had no rival in his own land either (1 Kings 4:31). His wisdom was not limited to a few choice quotes or anecdotes, the sum of the 'great minds' of world history, but his writings alone exceeded 3000 proverbs and 1005 songs (1 Kings 4:32). Bible scholars attribute the Book of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and many of the Psalms to Solomon and it is not difficult to see why given the tremendous and brilliantly life-applicable wisdom contained within those pages.

Solomon spoke on the majesty of Creation, giving glory to God in his wondrous insights into the nature of Our Creator God to such a stunning level, that all people and kings would travel from all over the earth to hear him speak (1 Kings 4:34).

His renown, majesty, wealth, glory and power led all visitors to his court to give incredible gifts to him and pledge their servitude to him throughout his reign (1 Kings 4:21). Who cannot see the figure of Jesus shimmering like a polished gemstone through the dazzling splendour of Solomon and his kingship? Whilst Solomon's glory was brilliant, Christ's glory is blinding to the eyes of man and so whilst all who gazed on the treasures of Solomon's palaces and court thought they had witnessed the summit of splendour, it was still just a dim reflection of the coming glory of Christ's kingdom and rule.

For this is what this most regal of chapters that is 1 Kings 4 represents. Yes it is an accurate chronicling of history but it is also a beautiful image of what is yet to come under the blessed rule of Christ Jesus. Peace shall be known unto the lands as weapons of war are beaten into plows for farming (Isaiah 2:4) and war shall be extinguished at long last.

The full lands given by God unto the Jews shall be re-established by God and Christ Jesus shall reign in all truth, power and justice from His throne in Jerusalem as the nations come to Him to give gifts of worship (Zechariah 14:16, Isaiah 2:2-4, Jeremiah 23:5-6). The Prince of Peace shall govern with eternal wisdom and the children of God shall live under His bountiful provision (Isaiah 35:10). The reign of Solomon was but a brief foreshadowing of this glorious rule of Jesus that is yet to come.

Yet the glories of His rule do not end there. Whilst every subject, every individual under the rule of Solomon enjoyed days of plenty they still were but mere subjects and unable to attend his royal courts. However the redeemed of Christ Jesus, those who served faithfully to the point of tasting death in His name shall be appointed to share in this most glorious of reigns that shall be Christ Jesus'. The majesty of His glory and power shall be shared in His grace unto those who have stood steadfastly for Him and the Gospel (Revelation 20:4). What a joyful promise awaits us, we faithful soldiers of Christ Jesus, that we shall rule with Our Saviour for that most glorious reign of which all redeemed look forward to. That millennial rule that the Creation of which Solomon spoke of, longs to see come into being before the new heavens and new earth is gifted unto the elect by the grace of God.

Whilst Solomon's reign was magnificent, it was fleeting. As the wickedness of sin permeates all who are not vigilant against its creeping pollutant, so too did Solomon's wisdom fail in guarding his people against the subterfuge of evil. Oh happy servants of God are we though for we serve a far greater and holier King who shall bind up Satan and banish him into the pit before He judges all wicked people and beings by casting them into hellfire forever (Revelation 20).

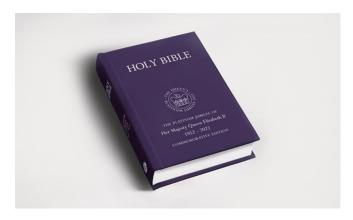
The past glories that ended too quickly through mankind's disobedience shall be swept away through obedience of the Son to the Father and the joy of unending glory shall shine throughout eternity. Amen.

By Jonathan Badger

A Lasting Jubilee Legacy

Those who are familiar with the work of the TBS (Trinitarian Bible Society) will be aware of the publication of a special Jubilee Commemorative edition of the KJV Bible. This lovely pocket sized publication of the KJV, featured a regal purple hardback with the Platinum Jubilee Seal stamped on the cover.

On attending a recent TBS meeting, it was announced to all in attendance that the TBS had been successful in supplying hundreds of schools with free copies of the Bible for use within the classrooms. Furthermore many schools invited speakers from the TBS to come into the respective schools and lead assemblies thus giving the speakers a wonderful opportunity to share the Gospel with the next generation.



My youngest daughter's school also happily accepted some copies of this Commemorative Bible from Truth To Wonder Ministries. A few weeks later I had to go into my daughter's class to help her collect some items and glancing over to their reading corner I was delighted to see the Bible given pride of place.

Such tremendous out-workings of the grace of God should be a wonderful encouragement to every believer to be active in taking every opportunity given to spread the Gospel. It is nowhere needed more than in the schools where many teachers/school staff will gladly accept the message of the Gospel is presented to them. Those who work/have worked in education will be aware that many school staff do not like the content often taught. However they feel forced to 'tow the line' and not fight back against the waves of

liberal rubbish that are being consistently hurled by left-wing activists. So when a Christian parent dares to stand by their Lord and His Word, they are grateful for the vocal stand made. As noted a few months ago this was evident in a discussion with staff at my youngest daughter's school only recently.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, do not be ashamed of your Lord and the Gospel, speak it in truth with love and pray that maybe just a few words spoken by yourself may help lead a soul to Christ.

By Jonathan Badger

Dangers Of Social Media

Upon reading one of Ken Ham's (founder of Answers In Genesis) daily emails/blog recently on an American pastor embracing TikTok (social media site), I reflected on how people get caught up in the latest social media trends and live their lives around it. Waking hours are spent 'following' celebrities, posting photos of their lives for others to see. to the point of it so sadly taking over their lives. I have seen many times, in those of my previous colleagues, and of my own family, phones going off with notifications letting them know of the latest posting from people they are 'following', often selfies showing the world what they are up to, often boasting about it in their comments. As someone who is not on social media, do I feel I am missing out on seeing my family and friends live their lives - no I do not! If they want me to see a picture/s or videos then they personally share it with me and I comment back personally not for the world to read!

A year or so ago I was in a discussion about Facebook with a few of my previous work colleagues over this very issue. One asked me why I wasn't on it. One of my responses was I want to be a good example to my daughters growing up. In saying this I mean how it is extremely addictive for people and they get hooked on it, I do not want this for my children in a world that is full of technology everywhere. I asked one of my colleagues if she could stop using it. Her response was "no", highlighting that she hadn't even realised she was addicted to it.

She recognised that she couldn't stop, but more sadly that her daughter (17 years of age at the time, so a maturing and impressionable young lady growing up), was on it too, and was most probably hooked on it as well. Another colleague said to me after my comments, "I don't blame you for not being on it Donna". How sad that they say that to me after a little explanation of why I'm not on it, yet they are on it. An ex-colleague of mine posted something on his Facebook account which then spread round within hours, it was about his wife who worked at the said school which I have recently just left. She was leaving too but hadn't announced it yet, she had now! Another previous colleague celebrated a birthday at the weekend and posted her celebrations on her Facebook account, however she wasn't in the next day our employer had seen why.

Back to Ken Ham's blog/email and one of the many reasons why I feel so passionate about this issue. His daily posting was of a pastor who was compromising his faith with trends of the internet. He was into the latest craze that is Tiktok. When Tiktok came out I didn't even know what it was, but it wasn't long before children, primary school aged children, were talking about it and even using it. Children were fast becoming hooked on short videos that often concentrate on inappropriate dances, songs, vain and socially irresponsible behaviours that are not suitable for a developing child to view. The fast 15 second style bursts of footage are easily consumed and encourage an addictive need to watch another upload.

Again a similar discussion came up at school amongst some of my previous colleagues regarding social media sites. One of my colleague's daughters, who is the same age as my eldest, was using Tiktok. She was initially only allowed under supervision, but then sadly she became more and more hooked on it. She'd watched a deeply sinister video that had no place for a child to watch or even know about. It of course affected her, giving her nightmares and affected her day to day life. Her mother had allowed a little but then the daughter had become addicted to it and it then quickly got out of hand. She (her mother) had used Tiktok so how was she to say to her growing daughter, with how much

technology is promoted now everywhere, that she wasn't allowed to be on it. We need to set an example!



Recent investigations have shown that whilst in Asia, TikTok is used to promote STEM learning, the West's version promotes liberal activism

Back to the social media sites - Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and others - if we are on them posting pictures of ourselves, what are we saying to our children? Advertise and boast about your life to the world! Do we want the next generation to have their phones in their hands all the times taking videos and pictures of themselves? Do we want them to grow up thinking that we have to post everything on the internet and share it with the world, for all to see? Is this not vanity!? Ephesians, chapter 4:17 - This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind. I know as a parent to two children of quite different ages. I certainly do not want my children falling into a world of social media usage, so my and my husband's example to them is very important. This is why we try to be the best witness we can be by the grace of God, to our children in not being on any social media sites and not obsessing over endless vanity fuelled photos and selfies. As Christians we are to set an example to children, whether they are your children, children in your extended family, or even your friend's children. You never know what they are taking from you as a believer, put the love of Lord first, not yourself! Matthew 6:33 - But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Lamentations 3:24/25 - The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. The LORD

is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.

By Donna Badger

A Woman Rides A Beast In Birmingham

Anyone who watched the opening ceremony of the Commonwealth Games recently held in Birmingham, would've witnessed something to make the soul shudder. A giant mechanical bull was pulled into the jubilant stadium packed with excited patrons, as a woman sat on top of the construction as though she was riding the enormous beast. Yet what was more disturbing however was that soon after this a ring of dancers holding lights proceeded to surround the giant bull and began 'worshipping' the beast. All of this was broadcast with delight throughout the world to a captive audience who likely didn't even bat an eyelid at the strange picture unfolding before them.

Anyone who knows the Bible however will see a troubling link to the idolatrous worship of ancient peoples such as the Egyptians, Canaanites and even the Israelites when they departed from worshipping the Living God of Abraham, Issac and Jacob.

In the ancient world the god that appeared as a bull was Baal, a foul and devilish god whose worship involved chanting and frenzied behaviours, prostitution and sexual perversion, self mutilation and even child sacrifice. A notable example of this is recorded in 2 Chronicles 28:3 where King Ahaz of Judah sacrificed his own children to appease this Satanic god. Baal (meaning lord - a clear imposter of the the LORD Almighty in the same devil fuelled manner that AntiChrist shall be) was the chief god of a pantheon of ancient gods in the Near East, with many ancient cities being named after this awful false god such as Baal-Peor, Baal-Gad and Baal-Heman. Baals or Baalim (regional lords or masters of these differing cities) reigned over these devil worshipping locales. Indeed Baal worship was predominant within the Phoenician and Canaanite peoples that populated Canaan and explains God's decree that these people

were to be wiped out by the Israelites given the awful, devilish manner of these nations.



Dancers adore a giant bull at the Commonwealth Games opening ceremony

Whilst Baal worship was popular in Canaan it was far from exclusive to this one land. The ancient Egyptians practised Baal worship from the time of Moses (circa 1500 B.C) through to the kingship of David and Solomon (circa 1000 B.C); the Babylonians adopted the religion from the Phoenicians and worshipped the same god under the name of Bel or Belu. The Greeks followed suit and elevated this abomination to a similar role in the pantheon of gods to be the 'lord of gods' otherwise known as Zeus. When they were conquered by the Romans, the Romans simply acquired this practice and named this god Jupiter, the chief of the gods.

As you can see the grip of this abhorrent god was wide and lasting throughout the ancient world, with some scholars believing it's origin lies all the way back with Nimrod, the man who led the rebellion of the building of the Tower of Babel, an affront to the authority and commands of God. The Bible warns against the practice of this idolatrous worship back in Exodus with the establishment of the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20), a warning given by God to His chosen people when they have indulged in worshipping the golden calf made by Aaron (remember Baal was represented as a bull).

Yet this command to worship only the Living God was not heeded and we read in Numbers 25:1-3 that Israel were led into the worship of Baal by the daughters of Moab. The situation degenerated further as the years past and by the time of the Judges, Israel was engrossed by the grip of this dark

idolatry that God would deliver them into the hands of foreign oppressors as judgement.

Israel would not learn from it's loving correction by God however and under the wicked rule of King Arab and Queen Jezebel, Baal worship was normalised. By the grace of God the prophet Elijah was raised up to a powerful witness against this devil fuelled religion and Elijah stood alone for the Lord against the assembled priests of Baal at Mount Carmel, where God showed His total power of the false god Baal (1 Kings 18).

Yet Israel again would not heed the warnings of God and so as the generations past and the practice of Baal worship continued so Israel was led into captivity by the Babylonians as judgement by God (Zephaniah 1:4-6).

Not so long ago this land was a Godly land and the knowledge of these Biblical events was well known amongst the people. As a result the populace was alert to the dangers of such wicked practices. However the devil has been subtle and patient in his work to take over this nation; first he worked to subvert the Pure Word of God through the publication of corrupted Bible versions that diluted the powerful warnings against sinful behaviour. Then he set to work in the schools and universities to lead the young away from the study and adherence of the Scriptures as he attacked the Word of God for being nothing more than myth and fantasy. Then he moved to bring perverted individuals into places of national influence such as positions in the media, so that their wicked personal biases would permeate into the indoctrination of the masses in areas such as homosexuality, sexual immorality and abortion (all activities linked in the ancient world with Baal worship!). Now we see the culmination of these steps by Satan, we live in a land that sees perversion as 'love' and the Word of God as nothing more than bigoted myths of a bygone era. The nation is ripe for the plucking and completely unaware of the dangers that were once so obvious of the interaction with devilish beings. Consider how witchcraft is now a child embracing activity through the pages of Harry Potter or how children walk around happily with-shirts emblazoned with pictures of vile demons and

slogans such as 'Hellfire club'. It is no wonder therefore that we are now witnessing the literal wheeling in of Baal inspired creations all set up as a national act of worship as evidenced at the Commonwealth Games opening ceremony.

Tragically though no one within the established church (CofE, Methodists, Baptists, Reformed etc) has commented against this disgusting promotion of devil worship on the nations TV's. They seem blind to it's obvious danger yet the comments on YouTube on this opening ceremony left by the average non-believing person is one that expresses feeling 'creeped out' by the 'angry bull with witches around it'. If the average nonbeliever is moved to unease by this sight but our church leaders do and say nothing what sort of a message are we being given as regards to the spiritual alertness of our country's spiritual leaders! Their inaction must not be our own and if they do not feel the need to stand for God then so be it, but I will stand with Moses (when he called for the people to stand with God or the worship of the calf) and hold that such practices are of Satan and I will hold fast to my LORD God.



Ancient Baal worship

On a final note, I'm sure you've been feeling the warmth of the recent dry spell and your garden lawn has been looking suitably brown as a result. Doubtless you've read of the worrying news of widespread droughts, failing crops and draining rivers/lakes/reservoirs etc. Did you know that Baal was meant to be the lord of fertility and therefore ensure the bounty of harvests and provision? Isn't it interesting therefore that this very crucial aspect of daily life has been struck down when nations are turning to the worship of Baal over the worship of God. Could this be the judgement of God against this

generations wickedness? You bet, as God made the rains to cease during the Baal loving reign of king Ahab also – those who do not know their history are doomed to repeat it!

Pray therefore that the Lord takes pity on this wicked nation and sends Godly men to speak of the judgement of God and give a warning to turn from idol worship and return once more to His loving kindness and provision.

By Jonathan Badger

The Importance of Repentance

Matthew 9:13 For I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance

A very worrying trend has crept into the modern church in recent times, and that is to let anyone, regardless of their conduct, become a leading participant in activities and, in some cases, even let anyone preach from the pulpit. Charles Spurgeon, in his classic work 'Lectures to my Students', puts such a premium on the character of a pastor that he dedicates the first three lectures to prompting his readers to a thorough selfexamination before they continue in their desired path to work in the ministry. Such care and attention paid to the selection of those that stand in the pulpit does not, sadly, seem to be the modus operandi in our day and age, however.

This is seen very clearly in the ever-relaxing stance of the church on homosexuality; an openly gay man has a very good chance of being able to preach in most contemporary Christian churches in this country. Various excuses will be thrown up by advocates of such practises. Be it "God loves everybody", "Jesus himself eat with publicans and sinners" or "Jesus abolished the law, so Leviticus no longer counts", people will go to some lengths to ignore or pervert the clear instructions of scripture and justify such relaxing of morality. This state of affairs should not really come as a surprise, sadly, as it is the outworking of decades of relaxing of the moral standards in our churches. It began with simply letting those of dubious conduct avoid reproof from their elders, and it's now developed into letting the wrong people take up leadership positions. And it's all done under the guise of being "loving", or with the accompanying buzz-phrase "that's what Jesus would do".

But a mere fundamental knowledge of theology and doctrine will show the emptiness and foolishness behind such excuses and Yes. God flimsv stances. loves everybody. Indeed, the Lord Jesus did eat with publicans and sinners. He also was the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes (Romans 10:4). But it's a tragic shame when people lose sight of two important words when they consider what our Lord calls sinners to: to repentance. God loves man so much that he gave his only son (John 3:16), and we too should love sinners enough to preach the gospel to them, whatever their shortcomings. But the order to repent and believe should never be glibly ignored. We are all sinners that have come short of God's glory (Romans 3:23), but we are called to repent of our sins, turn from them, place a living faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and live in a godly fashion, turning from a life of sin to one of righteousness. Where the church has gone so tragically wrong (and has subsequently become so ineffectual in the 21st century), is that it wants to welcome all and sundry (in an effort to please the world, no doubt), but without possibly causing them offence by stressing the need for true repentance.



Repentance and the urgent need for it is stressed throughout the New Testament. Being truly sorry for your sins and showing a burning desire to turn from them and serve the Lord Jesus Christ are marks of a truly saved soul. From there one would hope to see an earnest desire to put off the old man and put on the Lord Jesus Christ and bring about works meet for repentance. The church should be promoting those that truly repent and follow the Lord's commands out of love

and reverence, rather than those that never truly repented, probably don't have any real faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and show their fruits by continuing to live in the sins they have long wallowed in.

It becomes us, as we witness to those around us and try and make the Gospel of Christ known, to keep the need for repentance front and centre. To get the right people leading in the church means getting the right people into the church of Christ in the first place. Yes, God loves everybody, and that's a wonderful part of the message, but it doesn't end there. He loves us so much that he gave his son to save us from our sins. If we but repent of our sins and turn from them, place our belief and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, then we can become sons and fellow heirs with Christ. The result of that is that we love the Lord our God with all our mind, body, soul and strength, and we joy to do good works to please Him and honour Him. Getting properly saved people into the church will ensure that the right people are called to lead, and the church might just become a force for good in this country once more, rather than the damp squib it currently is.

Finally, brethren, let us remember, as we reflect on such things, the importance of all of God's word. Many errors have crept into the church of Christ because people want to pick and choose what parts of scripture they focus on, while ignoring or outright denying those they either don't agree with or don't quite understand. Let us be on our guard against ignorance of scripture and perversion of our Lord's teaching by knowing our bibles well. Make sure you continue to read from a Bible. Kina James as another contributing factor to the decline of the church are the endless parade of ineffective and spiritually vapid modern translations on the market and in the pulpit. Let's stand for the infallibility of Holy Scripture, and importance of taking God at his word every time. There may be but a small remnant of us in these present times, but let's stand for the word, spread the word, try and bring more lost souls to a saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and help fill the church with the right people. God may or may not make the British church thrive once more (only He knows), but we can do our bit by spreading the Gospel message without blushing and without people-pleasing, with confidence that the call to repentance and faith in Christ can save a soul just as much now as it did 2,000 years ago.

By John Sivewright

Archbishop Desmond Tutu Where is he now?

Well the short answer to that question is dead. But that is just his body. So the other more accurate answer that addresses where he really is now is sadly Hell.

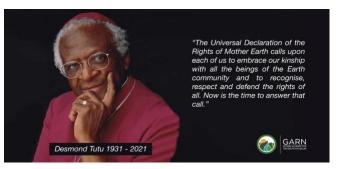
Now this answer after last month's article on Nelson Mandela will have the Universalists screaming boo and hiss from the balconies of their self-righteous towers.

You see Universalists believe that in the end God will save everyone. So my statement that you will find no Pope that ever lived, nor Nelson, nor Mommy Teresa walking the streets of the celestial city rubs this group up completely the wrong way. Their view is that an all merciful God would not possibly relegate any human made in His image to eternal punishment. He loves everybody equally, and by that token spares everyone. But apart from this view being completely anti-biblical and ignoring the obvious contradictions to this stand point in Scripture (ie "Jacob I have loved, Esau I have HATED" - emphasis added), it also doesn't make God merciful, - just a doormat, who takes all the abuse from mankind and then simply ignores it and rights it off. Where's the justice? If a judge in this country took a rapist and said "I know what you've done is horrendous but I'm going to ignore it and let you walk free from this place to enjoy all this world has to offer with no punishment" does that make the Judge merciful or pointless? I would say the latter. How would the victim respond?

But another flaw in this viewpoint is what do you do with those people that don't want to

go to heaven? This may not have struck you as even a possibility before, but they do exist and there are a great deal more of them than you might think. And Archbishop Desmond Tutu will illustrate this point beautifully. In 2013 he made this statement during a United Nations backed campaign for Gay Rights. "I would not worship a God who is homophobic and that is how deeply I feel about this. I would refuse to go to a homophobic heaven. No, I would say, 'Sorry, I would much rather go to the other place."

What caused him to hold such a strong view? His daughter is a practicing homosexual. Not only that but she was also an Anglican priest (another completely anti-biblical position) until being made to relinquish this role after "marrying" her female partner.



A very pantheistic statement from Archbishop Tutu as he embraces Mother Earth – an anti-biblical

So dear old Desmond throws the Universalists a curve ball and leaves them with a problem. Where do they put him now? If God saves everyone, and therefore Desmond is in Heaven, well he didn't want to be there in the first place. At this point some liberal will clear their throat and say - "ah well yes but hang on, he said he didn't want to go to a homophobic heaven; Gods not homophobic so that's fine". Well my dearly deluded, you might want to open the book on the shelf you merrily comment upon and revise at your whim without ever reading. God's word clearly labels homosexuality a sin, and given there can be no sin in Heaven, then unless the

homosexuality is fully repented of – Im afraid there is no unrepentant practising homosexual in heaven. So Desmond won't want to be there.

So there is the problem – Is a Universalist God merciful if he puts Desmond and the millions like him in a place he flatly refuses to be? Or would that be unmerciful? Desmond had very clearly made his choice.

Heaven is a place where God's rule is absolute, sin is absent and what sin is has been clearly defined in His word. We will spend our days in praise of our thrice Holy God. A King who is merciful and loving, but also just and wrathful towards sin. IF you disagree with Gods definition of sin or feel that because of all the death and suffering in the world God must be a capricious, abusive being then you are not going to want to spend eternity worshiping Him. Heaven is not a place that is all things to all men, and once man comes to realise that, then you ask the average unsaved man on the street if he wants to spend eternity in praise of God the answer you will get is not likely to be favourable. Man will always chose to run from God, deviate from him and do the opposite to what he wants from us. Which is why we can never get to Him of our own accord. So the unbeliever makes his own 'god' to follow.

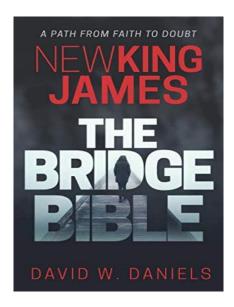
As Bart Campolo, the famous American humanist stated during an interview, "If you can imagine a god greater than the one of the Bible then trade up!" He also went on to conclude that once he had finished imagining his perfect god, he said "he was great – he was just like me!" And therein lies the rub. Man will always want to make himself like God; to be his own 'god' – it's been the problem since the Garden. Desmond didn't want to worship the true God of the Bible because He didn't fit the mould he had made for him. God didn't suit what Desmond

wanted from life, therefore he'd rather be eternally separate.

And so, sadly he is.

By David J Badger

Resource Corner



New King James – The Bridge Bible

Is The New King James Bible Just An Updated King James? It promised to be a 5th edition of the KJV, preserving "the originally intended meaning of every verse."Did publishers and translators keep their promise? Author David Daniels shows us in this book that the classical language (including the "thees" and "thous") is not all that was changed. In fact, this Bible is not a King James at all! Some of the "updates" actually change doctrines!"I'M NOT SAYING WHAT COULD HAPPEN.I'M SHOWING YOU WHAT DID HAPPEN."- DAVID W DANIELS. It cannot be a true King James, if salvation is changed from a finished work to an unfinished process (1 Corinthians 1:18). How can you know you are saved? Or in Matthew 7:14 where it says, "Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life..."? God did not make the way "difficult". Salvation is as close as our mouth and our heart! These tiny changes, as well as others like it, have made a big difference, moving people from faith to doubt in God and His words. But there's more. The publishers

of the New King James said, themselves, that their goal was to provide a "transitional bridge" to a modern Bible (and they sell of them). As people get used to seeing words changed in their Bible, they soon will accept a Bible that changes even more! Eventually. you have a Bible with wording vague enough, in many key areas, that all the world's religions will be able to "fit" their doctrines into it. This is actually part of the larger plan for everyone to accept one world Bible for the Antichrist's coming one world religion. How do we counter this? By teaching our children how to read the clear words of the King James, we can bring faith and not doubt to the next generation. In fact, as you will see in this book, if previous generations had done this, the New King James would never have been made.

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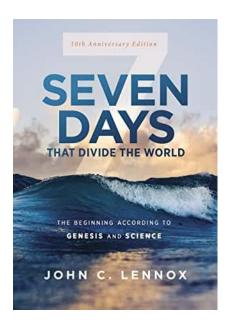
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A Final Thought

1 Corinthians 2:2 For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.

As we carry on our walk with the Lord, it is easy to fall into troubles and snares. Whether it is an onset of ineffectual prayer, lack of confidence in witnessing, contentions among our brothers and sisters in Christ or confusion around doctrine, there are always potential pitfalls and traps that beset us on every side. This should not surprise us, as the prince of this world is always looking for ways to put us off the scent and pull us away from closer communion with our Lord and fellowship with the brethren, seeking whom he may devour (1 Peter 5:8). When we face these challenges and confusions, a wise move is always to go back to the cross. Perhaps wiser still is to never leave the cross in the first place! For our prayer life to remain deep and effectual, we should thank the Lord every day for what He did for us on Calvary. As we witness to others, start Jesus Christ and Him crucified. When we would debate with other believers, let us remember that we are fellow brothers and sisters in Christ because of the Lord Jesus' finished work on the cross, and the subsequent outpouring of the Spirit in our hearts, through which we have become the children of God (Romans 8:16); as joint-heirs with Christ, if we must dispute and debate, let us do it from loving hearts, remembering that Christ died for us. To lessen the risk of tying ourselves in theological knots, let us be always acquainted with the proof texts of the might of Christ's atoning work (e.g. John 3:16); doctrinal pictures typically look much clearer when viewed from the cross. The Apostle Paul is a tremendous example to us; his chief interest was "Jesus Christ, and Him crucified"; let this be at the forefront of our minds, let it take root in our hearts, and let it guide our every move and action as we go about our earthly walk.

By John Sivewright



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