

From Where We Stand . . .

November Is Here

This is the week the shortening days seem suddenly a lot shorter, since the clocks were turned back. The long twilights of a few weeks ago are becoming but a brief afterglow.

Yesterday, November bowed in and, to us, the most exciting time of the year entered in. But, then, each succeeding season seems, to us, the most exciting. Remember Old William Cullen Bryant described November as "the melancholy days are come . . . the saddest of the year." But remember, Bryant never lived in the Lancaster County area in sight of all the picturesque farm scenes.

The changing leaves have been a sight to behold — but, to us, not equal to some years inasmuch as the bright reds were conspicuously missing. We blame it on the comparatively mild weather. Takes a lot of frosty mornings, no matter what the scientists say, to get those leaves truly bright!

This, too, is the time of the year when much of our interest turns indoors and we prepare for the holiday season of Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year. Yep, it can be very exciting!

Triumph Of Common Sense

Some years ago, a tremendous furor was raised concerning the use of pesticide chemicals in agricultural production, and the effect which traces of these chemicals remaining in our food might have on human health. At the time, misrepresentation of the hazards involved were of grave concern to knowledgeable authorities, because these chemicals are an indispensable tool in the high-volume agricultural production now required to feed growing populations the world over. Fortunately, this is one area of concern to which reason has returned.

In a statement concerning "The Implication Of Pesticide Residues As A Health Hazard," Dr. Roy Goulding of the British Poisons Reference Service has stated that there is ". . . no substantiated evidence that the consumption of foodstuffs bearing residues of active ingredients from accepted agricultural practices in the United Kingdom has led to injury to man. . . In short, despite all the hullabaloo, the alarms, the excursions, the invocations and the warnings, it certainly looks as though we are eating far less of pesticide residues than ever we feared and far less than is at all likely to do us any harm."

Substantially, the same conclusions re-

garding these points have been reached in the United States. Continuous testing and surveillance programs have shown the food supply in the U. S. to be of the highest quality and purity. The pesticide industry in the interest of promoting the increased production of food and fiber that will be required by the world's growing population is pushing forward with programs to establish realistic and uniform levels of acceptable pesticide residues between all nations. If as much reason and good sense could be brought to bear on some of the other problems which offer a real threat to the life and health of man on earth, we would all indeed have little to fear.

At least that's the way it looks from where we stand.

Can You Imagine?

Agricultural employees remain one of the largest groups outside of organized labor, and efforts to persuade agricultural workers to join unions voluntarily have been largely unsuccessful. Union promotion of a boycott of fresh California grapes in major eastern markets including Detroit, Boston and New York, is a new tactic to force employers to recognize the union as the sole bargaining agent, regardless of employees' wishes one way or the other. As the Biggs, California, NEWS, observes, "Imagine the consequence if a handful of powerful union leaders, or any group, gains control of the nation's food supply."

The concern which top leadership of major labor union organizations has shown for the public welfare has been notable by its absence. Unbridled use of union power has run head on into the public's interest many times in recent years. In the case of agriculture, it may be going too far. Food is, after all, the first basic necessity of life. Can you imagine the impact of a threat to call a nationwide strike of agricultural workers at harvest time?

Across The Fence Row

"How do you do, my farmer friends?"
 "Howdy."
 "Nice looking country you have here."
 "Fer them that likes it."
 "Live here all your life?"
 "Not yet."

"I do not believe in a fate that falls on men however they act; but I do believe in a fate that falls on men unless they act."

—Chesterton

Inflation — A family of four must now have an income of \$14,282 to equal the buying power such a family had with \$5,000 in 1939.

—Industrial Conference Board

Praise makes good men better and bad men worse. — Thomas Fuller.

He who cannot stand criticism also cannot stand much praise.

Silence is still the best substitute for brains ever invented.

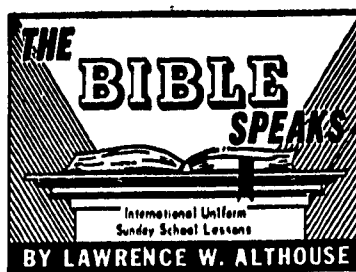
Minds and parachutes work better when open.

Local Weather Forecast

(From the U. S. Weather Bureau at the Harrisburg State Airport)

The five-day forecast for the period Saturday through next Wednesday calls for temperatures to average above normal with daytime highs in the mid 50's to 60's and overnight lows in the 40's. Mild at the beginning of the period turning cool at the middle. Normal high-low temperatures is 75-38.

Rain may total less than one-fourth inch as showers about Sunday.



THE KEY

Lesson for November 3, 1968

Background Scriptures: 1 Peter 1:3-9; 2:18-25; 3 through 5.
 Devotional Reading: 1 Peter 5:1-11.

Nothing so surprises some Christians than the fact of suffering. "What did I do to deserve this?" they ask in both bewilderment and indignation. "How can God do this to me? How can he let this happen?" In vain they



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search their memories for the remembrance of some sin that might explain or justify their present plight.

Suffering seems to them an evidence that something is wrong, either with them or with God. Either they have made a mistake or he has. That there might be some other explanation seems never to occur to them.

Predictable consequence

Why? Is it because Christianity encourages us to inevitably regard suffering punishment for sin? Of course not. Christ on the cross is the classic example of undeserved suffering. If ever anyone had the right to protest his suffering, Jesus did. Who would have been more justified to ask, "What did I do to deserve this? How can God let them do this to me?"

Despite the fact that Jesus was obedient to the will of his Father, he suffered. In fact, we might even say he suffered because of his obedience. It was the predictable consequence of his loyalty. And so it may be for all of us who seek to follow him. If we are obedient disciples, we are likely to find the cross a consequence of our obedience.

Indeed the writer of 1 Peter warns us: "Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal which comes upon you to prove you, as though something strange were happening to you." (1 Peter 4:12 RSV) Anyone who understands the meaning of discipleship ought not to be surprised when suffering comes upon him. There is no crown without a cross.

More than physical

Of course, there are different kinds of suffering. We tend to think only in terms of Jesus suffering on the cross, of Paul being persecuted, of Roman Christians dying in the arenas of Rome, of reformers dying at the hands of the Inquisition, and of missionaries undergoing terrible hardships in far-off lands. All of this makes the experience seem pretty remote — long ago and far away.

Yet suffering, according to my dictionary, means "to be subjected to pain, distress, injury, loss, or anything unpleasant." Thus, it can mean physical pain, but it doesn't have to. Suffering can also mean emotional distress or any unpleasantness. Even Christ's suffering on the cross was more than merely physical.

Rejoice!

Therefore, although we may not be called upon to bear physical pain for the sake of the Gospel here in America, we may still be called upon to bear periodic distress, rejection, ridicule, and unpleasantness. Sometimes these kinds of suffering are more frightening and insidious than mere physical pain. Often it is easier to die as a Christian martyr than it is to live as a Christian witness.

But Peter's counsel for the sufferer is not merely a negative "Don't be surprised." Along with the "Don't" there is also a "Do!" ". . . rejoice in so far as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed." (1 Peter 4:13 RSV) Suffering is a terrible foe and the only way to prevail over this enemy is to refuse to let him take away our faith and joy. If we can sincerely thank God for the privilege of suffering with Christ, the power of suffering will be broken. It is like defusing a deadly weapon. Our joy destroys its power to defeat us.

Here, then, is the two-edged key that enables us to meet suffering:

Don't be surprised . . . and . . . Do rejoice!

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NOW IS THE TIME . . .

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To Prepare for Cold Weather

The month of November may bring freezing weather with driving snow storms; farmers are urged to protect their water pipes with ground cover or with electric heating cable. Livestock producers should plan to have warm buildings for new-born pigs and lambs. Prevention of these problems is more pleasant and profitable than trying to correct them on a zero morning.

To Do Forage Testing

The start of the winter feeding season is a good time to do some forage testing. When the true feeding value of both silage and hay is known, the grain ration may be adjusted accordingly. Many dairy and livestock pro-

ducers have made many dollars by spending a few to have their forages tested. Now is the time to get some forage kits and learn the quality of forage in your barn.

To Provide Minerals

The importance of sufficient minerals in the rations of all farm animals cannot get too much attention at this time of the year. Various types of hay and silage feeds have different mineral content. Animals on heavy corn silage feeding may need greater amounts of minerals than those on legume hay or silage. Free choice minerals are strongly recommended. Trace mineral salt and calcium-phosphorus minerals should be included in the mixture.

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