

From Where We Stand...

Foundation For Blessings Enjoyed

We have reached the "I don't know where the summer went" season. Fall lies just around the corner. The unofficial demarcation line that most of us live by is Labor Day and the opening of school. The two come so closely together that Labor Day, which this year is on September 1, has become the traditional occasion for end-of-summer family outings.

Whether we realize it or not, we seem to have reached a millennium of sorts. How else can the endless stream of costly playthings — campers, boats, motors, scooters and pullman-size vehicles — that will take to the road this coming Labor Day be explained? As far as materials possessions go, no people have ever enjoyed abundance on such a mass scale. Labor Day is a fitting time to recall that it has been the unique blessing of God through a combination of American labor and American capital that has made this abundance possible. The objective of youngsters that will be returning to school on the heels of Labor Day should be to learn how to live with the good things of life that have come from the efforts of previous generations.

Perhaps in the classrooms greater attention should be given to matters of the spirit, respect for persons and property and obedience to the laws of God and the land. After all, these are the foundation of the blessings we enjoy today. At least that's the way it looks from where we stand.

Babes In The Woods

The very efficiency of agriculture in our country has become a handicap. When one farmer is able to feed dozens of his city cousins, it means that comparatively few people know what it takes to grow the things we eat and wear. Abundance is measured in terms of the ability of our pocketbook to take what we need off supermarket shelves. As far as familiarity with the ruthless forces of nature is concerned, we are babes in the woods.

Two recent articles in The Farm Quarterly magazine describe the unending struggle to control pests and weeds that every year threaten cotton and corn crops. They show the narrow margin between victory and defeat in the fight to wrest the necessities of life from the land. Both articles dealing with two basic crops — cotton and corn — discuss in detail the intricacies of combating pests and weeds. And the weather factor could be added as a contributing factor to the fight.

Clearly the success of modern agriculture depends on a fine combination of science and mechanization. Even then it is

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an uphill battle. As time goes on, perhaps the greatest obstacle to agricultural progress could be lack of public knowledge of what it takes to grow food and fiber for our expanding population. At least that's the way it looks from where we stand.

Time To Call Your Sister

There is an old joke in which a railroad switchman was presented with an impossible hypothetical traffic situation by an examiner. When asked what he would do to solve the problem the switchman said he would call his sister. The examiner asked why? The switchman said simply that his sister might like to see the biggest train wreck that ever happened.

So it is with the nation. We appear to be heading for an impossible situation and — it isn't hypothetical. One hand, we have tax experts in Congress talking of a \$30 billion deficit in a single year and trying to devise ways of controlling government spending. On the other hand, ever larger groups of citizens spearheaded by so-called liberals are digging deeper and deeper into the public treasury.

Following are some of the big government programs just over the horizon as reported by Nation's Business. A guaranteed job with the government for anyone who can't find work elsewhere, annual income for anyone who can't or shouldn't work; socialized medical care; improved income distribution that would take more money out of your pocket by making the federal income tax rates much steeper, and social security for the young, financed out of general treasury revenues. There are many more proposed programs of a similar nature.

Perhaps it is time to call YOUR sister!

Across The Fence Row

Have You Earned One More Tomorrow?

Is anybody happy because you passed this way? Does anyone remember that you spoke to him today?

The day is almost over, and its toiling time is thru. Is there anyone to utter a kindly word for you?

Can you say tonight in parting with the day that's slipping fast — that you helped a single brother of the many that you passed?

Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said? Does a man whose hopes were fading now with courage look ahead?

Did you waste the day or use it; was it well or poorly spent?

Did you leave a train of kindness or a scar of discontent?

As you close your eyes in slumber, do you think that God will say —

You have earned one more tomorrow by the work you did today?

Question: What did Papa lightning bug say to Mama lightning bug?

Answer: Isn't Junior bright for his age!

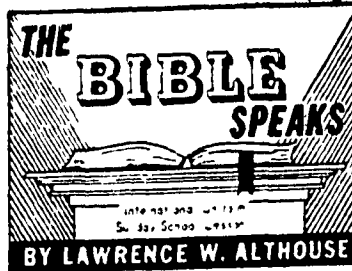
No wonder today's teenager is confused. Half the adults are telling him to find himself and the other half are telling him to get lost.

A wise man listening to a fool will learn more than a fool listening to a wise man.

Local Weather Forecast

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

The five-day forecast for the period Saturday through Wednesday calls for temperatures to average above normal with daily highs in the upper 70's to upper 80's. Daily lows in the upper 50's and 60's. Quite warm at the beginning turning cooler at the end. Precipitation is expected to total less than 1/4". Chances of showers or thunder showers on Tuesday and Wednesday.



THE SECRET
Lesson for August 31, 1969

Background Scripture: Judges 2:1-23, 26, 5:1-15
Through: 6:1-25
Devotional Reading: Eccl. 2:1-11

Several years ago Methodist Bishop Gerald Kennedy visited Israel and went to see the Memorial of Witness and Warning in Jerusalem. The monument recalled the horrors of Nazi persecution and Bishop Kennedy recoiled at these reminders. Surely the time had come for these things to be forgotten! Then his attention was caught by an inscription which quoted the words of an eighteenth century Jewish philosopher: "Forgetfulness prolongs the exile. Remembrance is the secret of redemption."

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Reliving the past

Philosopher George Santayana said something in a similar vein: "Those who forget the past are condemned to relive it." There is much to be learned from the mistakes and sins of the past, but men tend to forget so quickly and easily. Instead of learning from the past, we relive them over and over again. Each time it seems we should learn from these mistakes, but we seldom do.

This was true of the Israelites. The circumstances of their story were constantly changing, but the central issues seemed to stay the same. Nowhere is this more evident than in the book of Judges. Again and again within its pages we find the same story reenacted with only the characters changing with the passage of time.

Judges is the story of the repeated failures of Israel to keep the covenant with the Lord. There are not just a few failures, but many: "And the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the Lord." There are many more evidences of their disloyalty.

The vicious cycle

As the writer of Judges saw it, because the Israelites forsook

God, he allowed their enemies to harass them. In their suffering the people often came to their senses and returned to God. Thus we are told, "The Lord was moved to pity by their groaning..." It was then that God would "raise up" judges to save them.

These men were not "judges" in the way that we usually think of that word. They were men, and women to whom God gave special abilities and powers in order to help his people. Recognized as heroes of the faith, and divinely-appointed leaders, these men were eventually looked to for local judgement and administration. Some of them had public careers of some duration, but most appeared in a time of need and crisis and then disappeared from public view.

Sometimes it seemed that the people had learned a lesson, but eventually: "Whenever the judge died, they turned back and behaved worse than their fathers..." Thus, the whole book of Judges seemed to be a vicious cycle:

- the people of Israel do what is evil
- their enemies plunder them and make them suffer
- moved to pity by their plight, God sends them a leader to help and save them
- saved, the people turn back and become worse than before!

Forgetfulness prolongs

Is this so hard for us to understand? Do we wonder why the Israelites kept making the same mistakes repeatedly? Doesn't it seem strange that they should have forgotten so easily what God taught them?

Yet, don't we find that same cycle in our own lives? We too keep making the same mistakes and sins, keep forgetting the lessons of the past. We know better but we forget, and forgetfulness prolongs the misery. Our pattern is not so different:

- We disregard the will of God
 - Our disobedience gets us into difficulty
 - In the midst of our trouble we remember God and cry out
 - God hears, and answers us, sending us help
 - We quickly forget the lesson and resume our old ways.
- Ah yes, "remembrance is the secret of redemption."

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Attend The Church Of Your Choice Sunday



NOW IS THE TIME...

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To Finish High School

School days are here again and every youth should be encouraged to obtain at least a High School education. I'm aware that some of our rural boys lose sight of the value of an education and would rather stay home and work or get off-farm work. A high school education might be compared to the foundation of a building — it's something upon which to build in the future.

To Control Internal Parasites

Most species of farm animals may become infected with stomach worms. Sheep producers are urged to treat their animals at least two times a year and the fall is one of these times. Feeder lambs should be treated several times during the fattening period. Cattle feeders who

are buying calves this fall should submit fecal samples to their local veterinarian to determine the worm infestation. Efficient gains are only possible without stomach worm infection.

To Beware Of Silo Gas

Silo filling time is approaching and farmers are urged to take caution in or near the silo at filling time. All members of the family should be warned about this danger. These dangerous gases may develop during the filling operation or for the first week to 10 days following the ensiling of the corn. It is very dangerous to enter a partly filled silo unless mechanical blowers are running. In recent years corn is fertilized more heavily and the silos are getting larger; these factors help to make the problem more serious. Be careful.