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"Let us choose the *Old Paths* once again for the Light to shine upon the faces of men."

THE IRON PEN

Description of the People of God
By Dr. Frank J. Townsend III



Here is an Outline from my September 20, 2020, Sermon on a Sunday morning. —Bro. Frank.

The saved saints place their chief happiness in the fact they are eternally safe and secure. This is the ultimate end of their hope. Our peace comes from our full enjoyment of God.

If God is not your chief joy, then you are more likely a pagan and vile idolator.

Where do your affections lay? Can you say, as David said, The Lord is my portion.

PSALM 16:5; PSALM 73:25; PSALM 119:57-60; PSALM 142:4-5.

Though our flesh cries for its own pleasures and the world does creep into our affections, our soul prefers God before all things in the world.

He is made the end of our desires.

Although we do not seek it as we should, yet it is still the deepest desire of our heart. We want to please God.

ST. MATTHEW 6:33, 6:21; COLOSSIANS 3:1-3.

We would think no suffering too great to attain it.

ST. MATTHEW 7:13, II TIMOTHY 2:5-12; ROMANS 8: 17; ST. LUKE 7:24; ST. LUKE 14:27-27.

You would never want to return to your former life.

ROMANS 8:23-28; II CORINTHIANS 5:1-7; PHILIPPIANS 3:20-21.

However, some will say that God is good. We love him! But your heart does not esteem Him so! The world is your chief desire.

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It has been not only exciting but encouraging to get the publications back in print. Please take a look at our Website. Inside you will find the *Old Paths Publication*, and the *Women In The Harvest* on page 3.

Out with the Old and in with the New. Soon we will be leaving behind 2020 as we ring in the New Year — 2021.

LET FREEDOM RING be a motto proclaimed by all Americans. Let us pray for our country and beseech God to help us in our time of need. Let the American Dream live on!

God never moves without a purpose or a plan. We can trust Him in these perilous times. Let us be doers and not quitters. Lost souls are at stake!

AMERICA'S GOD and COUNTRY

Book by William J. Federer

South Carolina 1650, was originally named "Carolana" or "Charles' land," after King Charles I of England, who granted it to Sir Robert in 1629. The Colony of Carolina was originally part of Virginia, named after the "Virgin Queen" Elizabeth by Sir Walter Raleigh, who explored the area and attempted to found a settlement on Roanoke Island beginning April 9, 1585.

On August 13, 1587, the members of the colony converted the Indian Manteo and he was baptized into the Christian faith. That same month the first child was born in America, and she was baptized Virginia Dare. The Roanoke Colony was unsuccessful and later became known as the "Lost Colony."

It wasn't until the 1650s that English colonists began settling the area permanently. The first governor, William Sayle, was a Nonconformist and allowed religious toleration of all denominations: Calvinists and Baptists from England and parts of New England, Huguenots (French Protestants), Episcopalians, Scotch-Irish Presbyterians, Lutherans, German Reformed, Moravians, etc.

Of the many Christians that began to settle in North Carolina, beginning in 1653, the Quaker missionaries were among the most notable, with even George Fox, the founder of Quakerism, preaching there. At a later date, the family of Daniel Boone, with other Quaker families, pioneered the Yadkin River Valley along the North Carolina frontier. In 1727 the first Baptist congregation was formed, followed by the Methodists, who preached strongly against slavery and recognized Negro ministers.

"The propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right which Heaven itself has ordained." George Washington, 1789, Inaugural address.

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This Old World
By Pastor Frank J. Townsend III

I have a burden for lost souls! I want to win the drug addicts, drunkards, and homeless to the Lord so they can know the peace that only God can give them.

With old man winter knocking on our doors the weather is a big battle for those huddled on the streets, out in the woods, and in old run down buildings, houses, etc.

In the early mornings, as I drive to work, I see so many homeless men and women walking down the road with backpacks — some wearing jackets or wrapped up in old blankets. They haven't taken a shower. They are walking to stay warm. It's a crying shame!

I have thought it is their own faults; they need to go find a job, anything to take care of themselves. But my mentality on all this has changed. They need help now! Some are starving and sick. Right here in America there is a need. *What would Jesus do?* What can we do?

Recently I met a truck driver and we shared our thoughts on the homeless, the drug addicts, and more. Come to find out, he passes out items that he has put together to help the poor souls, the lost souls — of men and women.

For a while I've been praying how our church can help those who have no hope, walking our streets; for the most part in despair. Helping them at Thanksgiving time and at Christmas doesn't seem enough. I know of four drug addicts who have overdosed this year. They are in eternity!

Today and each new day there are more displaced men and women and even families living outside in these cold and frigid elements. Pray with me for leadership and guidance in this matter. Souls of sinners need to be saved. —*Bro. Frank.*

JOB 36:6 “He preserveth not the life of the wicked:
but giveth right to the poor.”

JOB 36:15 “He delivereth the poor in his affliction,
and openeth their ears in oppression.”

PSALM 9:18 “For the needy shall not always be forgotten:
The expectation of the poor shall *not* perish for ever.”

PSALM 10:2 “The wicked in *his* pride doth persecute the poor:
let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.”

PSALM 10:8

PSALM 10:9

PSALM 10:10

PSALM 10:14

PSALM 12:5

PSALM 34:6

PSALM 35:10

PSALM 68:10 “Thy congregation hath dwelt therein:
thou, O God, hast prepared of thy goodness for the poor.”



Holy, Holy, Holy!
Author: Reginald Heber
(1783-1826)

HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee,
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy! Holy! Holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy! Holy! Holy! tho' the darkness hide Thee,
Tho' the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name,
In earth, and sky, and sea.
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Reginald Heber was an uncommon man. Born into a family of wealth, and culture, he gave his life to the service of God both at home in England and far away in India. He possessed unusual literary gifts.

Heber lived and worked at a time in history when his contemporaries of English literature were becoming aware of the beauty of words and poetic structure.

Each stanza in Holy, Holy, Holy! re-emphasizes the doctrine of the Trinity. Stanza one mentions three of the attributes of God; He is “holy, merciful and mighty.”

The second stanza reminds us that God is worshipped in heaven by the saints who have already died, and by the angels — “the cherubim and seraphim.” It closes with a “trinity of phrases” which says that God is eternal.... “He was, He is, and He evermore shall be.”

This is Heber's final poetic trinity. He was found drowned (from a stroke) at the young age of 43. The tune associated with these words was composed by John B. Dykes who was one of Britain's leading organists and composers.



WOMEN IN THE HARVEST



The *WOMEN IN THE HARVEST* publication began back in October of 1998. I founded this publication, hoping to be a blessing and encouragement to the women in the harvest.

Wisdom for Women: Let us be wise and have discretion in the words we say, and the things we do. —*Sis. Linda.*



PEN OF A READY WRITER

By *Mrs. Linda K. Townsend*

TORN ROSE

PSALM 34:20 “He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.”

Jesus Christ suffered beyond any human comprehension. When all His bones were out of joint, he still trusted God His Father. The Saviour suffered for mankind. It's a great reminder for us to read ISAIAH Chapter 53.

The suffering a child of God endures is not to be taken lightly. Rather, it is a mighty undertaking; one that can only be done with the help of the Lord because we are weak, but God is strong. **PSALM 84:5** “Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee;”

Jesus Christ suffered beyond any human comprehension. When all His bones were out of joint, he still trusted God his Father. The Saviour suffered for mankind. ISAIAH Chapter 53 describes how much He suffered for us. It is a great reminder!

The rose of Sharon is a picture of a perfect rose, and He is the lily of the valleys. **Song Of Solomon 2:1** “**I AM the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys.**” Oh how wonderful to know Him.

Perhaps during the warfare we tend to become withered and weak on the battlefield. The battles might seem terribly impossible to win. It was in such a battle that I wrote the poem *Torn Rose* about twenty years ago.

TORN ROSE

Give me strength to carry on,
For I am weary and worn today.
Give me the whole armour to put on,
To fight the battles along the way.

Please keep me from all harm,
With the protection You give.
The troubled seas You calm,
For the victorious life to live.

The battle is almost over,
And it is NOT the time to quit.
Like the petals on a rose,
I am withered and torn a bit.

Picking up the fragments,
Is only the work God can do.
His grace can heal the hurt!
My life has been torn in two.

Only God can do the mending,
Hope is coming into view!
There is no use pretending;
I have to really TRUST in You.
—Linda K. Townsend

DELIGHT IN THE SCRIPTURES

By *Sushannah (Jasmine) Townsend*

SALVATION

The biblical story of Jesus and His love is the best of all times. **ST. JOHN 3:16** is so familiar to us. —*Sis. Jasmine.*

I recently was assigned a Bible project. I chose Salvation. Below is the outline:

1. All men have sinned and are separated from God.
2. The Holy Ghost convicts Christians of their sin and draws them to Jesus Christ.
3. Jesus' death fulfilled God's demand of the perfect sacrifice for sin.
4. All who believe in the risen Lord Jesus receive forgiveness of their sin and eternal life as a gift from God.
5. The Holy Ghost enters the believer at the new birth and seals each one to God.
6. The Holy Ghost works in the life of the believer:
 - A. to conform him to the image of Christ.
 - B. to give him understanding of God's word.
 - C. to equip him for the ministry.
 - D. to make intercession with God for the believer.

“For God so loved the world....”



MEGAN'S MUSINGS

By *Megan E. Townsend*

This month I mused about writing about Pastor Frank Townsend who is also my dad. —Sis. Megan.

I am musing... I was adopted when I was nine years old by my parents, Frank and Linda Townsend. I am 24. From day one with them I not only got a dad and mom, but my dad is also my pastor.

One thing I like about my pastor is that he is an open book. He reminds me a little of Donald Trump. Plain spoken, my dad tells it like it is. I kind of like that. He seems to have my number when I lie to him, and when I do lie he can tell. And if he doesn't know I lied, God knows for sure.

Am I thankful for my pastor? Yes I am! He is a fire and brim stone preacher, but he knows how to cool the message down with a little story here and there. It helps me to digest the message easier. I told my mom that I have high respect for him.

I love my pastor (dad), my mom, and family.

POETRY IN MOTION

The Sun and the Moon

The sun is a shining ray,
That keeps me warm and is bright.
Even though I want it to stay,
It goes away at night.

The moon is big and bright,
It shines way up high;
It disappears during the day,
But always comes out at night.

—*Sushannah J. Townsend*

November 1, 2020.

TACKLE THE PROBLEM

Family Time

Family time is often neglected. How do we tackle this problem. We simply tackle it with taking time with them. Making an investment of our time is so needful for having a happy family. Happiness is priceless!

Family quality time is very important in this busy world. But it's not always easy to make time for our families. Far too often our family watches us from the sidelines when we are in the ministry. We also tend to sideline God when we just become too busy.

I am a firm believer that daily devotions with your spouse and children make a whole lot of difference in the realm of family life. It adds a closeness that is worthwhile. Just as we are to spend time in daily prayer and Bible reading with God for our quiet time, we can make that special time by adding devotions to their lives.

The Bible is the main stay in our devotions, I also read from spiritual writers who have helped the Christian. Someone once told me they didn't know how to do family devotions. I suggested opening up to **THE BOOK OF PSALMS**. It's a good place to start reading. Include your family by having them read also. My own children come alive when we do this. They especially enjoy the question and answer part.

Many folks have been mostly house bound since March of this year. The Pandemic has changed our lives. We tend to become testy at times. But I wonder how many of us are having daily devotions? The spiritual is important to feed one's soul. It helps with stress and anxiety too. It even helps with our attitudes. A kind attitude goes a long way nowadays.

Let us tackle the problems at hand one at a time; one day at a time. We can be assured in knowing we've done right by including family devotions on a daily basis.

As Much Like God As Possible

By A.W. Tozer

DEVOTIONAL

From these words we may properly conclude (and the context strongly supports the conclusion) that there is nothing wrong with the desire to be great provided (1) we seek the right kind of greatness; (2) we allow God to decide what is greatness; (3) we are willing to pay the full price that greatness demands; and (4) we are content to wait for the judgment of God to settle the whole matter of who is great at last....

No one whose heart has had a vision of God, however brief or imperfect that vision may have been, will ever consent to think of himself or anything else as being great. The sight of God, when He appears in awesome majesty to the wondering eyes of the soul, will bring the worshipper to his knees... and fill him with such an overwhelming sense of divine greatness that he must spontaneously cry "Only God is great!"

Obviously there are two kinds of greatness recognized in the Scriptures—an absolute, uncreated greatness belonging to God alone, and a relative and finite greatness achieved by or bestowed upon certain friends of God...who by obedience and self-denial sought to become as much like God as possible.

ST. MATTHEW 20:26-27 "But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:"

The above devotional was taken from the book "TOZER ON THE ALMIGHTY GOD"—A 366-DAY DEVOTIONAL.

PRAYERS

By A. W. Tozer

May I know today that personal love experience with You, my God.

I will seek you early, for You are my God.

Lord, I praise You for the wonderful things that You have done for me and for the awesome God that you are.

We impatiently await Your coming, Lord, and we seek to be prepared for that glorious day. Even so, come Lord Jesus.



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PSALM 122:6

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:..."

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