

REFLECTIONS

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WHY ON EARTH?

By Pastor Brian De Jong

Do you ever wonder why on earth you are on the earth? What is your purpose? For what reason were you created? This is one of the “big-ticket items” that philosophers and theologians have debated over the centuries. Why, exactly, are we here?

Our Westminster Shorter Catechism gives a classic answer: “Man’s chief end [main purpose] is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.” According to the Westminster Assembly, that is why we are alive on earth.

While this answer gives us a good start, it does not spell out exactly what it means to “glorify God and enjoy Him forever.” So we must walk around this statement and view it from various angles in order to discover how we should live out lives on this earth.

One obvious observation is this— we must bring glory to God, and not to ourselves. He holds center stage, and we do not. Our own personal peace and prosperity is not the main point of our existence. Believe it or not, the world does not revolve around you.

This is shocking news to a self-centered culture. More and more the spirit of our times is complete self-absorption. Everyone is encouraged to create their own reality where they rule as the uncontested Lord over all. They determine their own truth, they make their own rules, and they do whatever seems right in their own eyes. (Sound familiar?)

In sharp contrast are self-consciously Christian people who love God first and foremost, and sacrificially love their neighbor as themselves. They recognize the Triune God of the Bible as Sovereign Lord, and they live by faith in Jesus Christ. Christ’s commands guide these disciples through life and to eternity. Because they love their Lord, they want to please Him. They seek out His will in His word, obeying through the power of the Holy Spirit.

As believers live in this way, they are deliberately reflecting God’s glory back to Him. It is not that they have some glory to give, but they are mirrors who shine His light back upon Him!

Included in this idea of glorifying God and enjoying Him is witness-bearing. Speaking to others about the good news of Christ is one way we glorify God and encourage others to enjoy Him. Obedient Christians understand that they have a duty to proclaim the gospel to anyone and everyone. And as they do so, they see God working through them to impact the lives of friends, neighbors, family members and co-workers. Nothing can be more enjoyable than realizing that God is using you to bring sinners to Himself— you are participating in this “ministry of reconciliation.” Here is a great reason to be alive!



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Holiness

By J. C. Ryle

“Holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.”—Heb 12:14.

The text which heads this page opens up a subject of deep importance. That subject is practical holiness. It suggests a question which demands the attention of all professing Christians—Are we holy? Shall we see the Lord?

That question can never be out of season. The wise man tells us, “There is a time to weep, and a time to laugh—a time to keep silence, and a time to speak” (Eccles. 3:4, 7); but there is no time, no, not a day, in which a man ought not to be holy. Are we?

That question concerns all ranks and conditions of men. Some are rich and some are poor—some learned and some unlearned—some masters, and some servants; but there is no rank or condition in life in which a man ought not to be holy. Are we?

I ask to be heard to-day about this question. How stands the account between our souls and God? In this hurrying, bustling world, let us stand still for a few minutes and consider the matter of holiness. I believe I might have chosen a subject more popular and pleasant. I am sure I might have found one more easy to handle. But I feel deeply I could not have chosen one more seasonable and more profitable to our souls. It is a solemn thing to hear the Word of God saying, “Without holiness no man shall see the Lord.” (Heb. 12:14.)

I shall endeavour, by God’s help, to examine what true holiness is, and the reason why it is so needful. ... Let me now try to present it to my readers in a more plain and practical point of view.

I. First, then, let me try to show *what true practical holiness is—what sort of persons are those whom God calls holy.*

A man may go great lengths, and yet never reach true holiness. It is not knowledge—Balaam had that: nor great profession—Judas Iscariot had that: nor doing many things—Herod had that: nor zeal for certain matters in religion—Jehu had that:

nor morality and outward respectability of conduct—the young ruler had that: nor taking pleasure in hearing preachers—the Jews in Ezekiel’s time had that: nor keeping company with godly people—Joab and Gehazi and Demas had that. Yet none of these was holy! These things alone are not holiness. A man may have any one of them, and yet never see the Lord.

What then is true practical holiness? It is a hard question to answer. I do not mean that there is any want of Scriptural matter on the subject. But I fear lest I should give a defective view of holiness, and not say all that ought to be said; or lest I should say things about it that ought not to be said, and so do harm. Let me, however, try to draw a picture of holiness, that we may see it clearly before the eyes of our minds. Only let it never be forgotten, when I have said all, that my account is but a poor imperfect outline at the best.

(a) Holiness is *the habit of being of one mind with God*, according as we find His mind described in Scripture. It is the habit of agreeing in God’s judgment—hating what He hates—loving what He loves—and measuring everything in this world by the standard of His Word. He who most entirely agrees with God, he is the most holy man.

(b) A holy man will *endeavour to shun every known sin, and to keep every known commandment.* He will have a decided bent of mind toward God, a hearty desire to do His will—a greater fear of displeasing Him than of displeasing the world, and a love to all His ways. He will feel what Paul felt when he said, “I delight in the law of God after the inward man” (Romans 7:22), and what David felt when he said, “I esteem all Thy precepts concerning all things to be right, and I hate every false way.” (Psalm 119:128.)

(c) A holy man will *strive to be like our Lord Jesus Christ.* He will not only live the life of faith in Him, and draw from Him all his daily peace and strength, but he will also labour to have the mind that was in Him, and to be “conformed to His image.” (Romans 8:29.) It will be his aim to bear with and forgive others, even as Christ forgave us—to be unselfish, even as Christ pleased not Himself—to walk in love, even as Christ loved us—to be lowly-minded and humble,

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even as Christ made Himself of no reputation and humbled Himself. He will remember that Christ was a faithful witness for the truth—that He came not to do His own will—that it was His meat and drink to do His Father’s will—that He would continually deny Himself in order to minister to others—that He was meek and patient under undeserved insults—that He thought more of godly poor men than of kings—that He was full of love and compassion to sinners—that He was bold and uncompromising in denouncing sin—that He sought not the praise of men, when He might have had it—that He went about doing good—that He was separate from worldly people—that He continued instant in prayer—that He would not let even His nearest relations stand in His way when God’s work was to be done. These things a holy man will try to remember. By them he will endeavour to shape his course in life. He will lay to heart the saying of John, “He that saith he abideth in Christ ought himself also so to walk, even as He walked” (1 John 2:6); and the saying of Peter, that “Christ suffered for us, leaving us an example that ye should follow His steps.” (1 Peter 2:21.)

Happy is he who has learned to make Christ his “all,” both for salvation and example! Much time would be saved, and much sin prevented, if men would oftener ask themselves the question, “What would Christ have said and done, if He were in my place?”...

(i) A holy man will follow after *the fear of God*. I do not mean the fear of a slave, who only works because he is afraid of punishment, and would be idle if he did not dread discovery. I mean rather the fear of a child, who wishes to live and move as if he was always before his father’s face, because he loves him. What a noble example Ne-

hemiah gives us of this! When he became Governor at Jerusalem he might have been chargeable to the Jews and required of them money for his support. The former Governors had done so. There was none to blame him if he did. But he says, “So did not I, because of the fear of God.” (Nehemiah 5:15)...

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to live like one
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home.”*

(l) Last, but not least, a holy man will follow after *spiritual mindedness*. He will endeavour to set his affections entirely on things above, and to hold things on earth with a very loose hand. He will not neglect the business of the life that now is; but the first place in his mind and thoughts will be given to the life to come. He will aim to live like one whose treasure is in heaven, and to pass through this world like a stranger and pilgrim travelling to his home. To commune with God in prayer, in the Bible, and in the assembly of His people—these things will be the holy man’s chiefest enjoyments. He will value every thing and place and company, just in proportion as it draws him nearer to God. He will enter into something of David’s feeling, when he says, “My soul followeth hard after Thee.” “Thou art my portion.” (Psalm 63:8; 119:57.)

Such is the outline of holiness which I venture to sketch out. Such is the character which those who are called “holy” *follow after*. Such are the main features of a holy man.

But here let me say, I trust no man will misunderstand me. I am not without fear that my meaning will be mistaken, and the description I have given of holiness will discourage some tender conscience. I would not willingly make one righteous heart sad, or throw a stumbling-block in any believer’s way.

I do not say for a moment that holiness shuts out the presence of *indwelling* sin. No: far from it. It is the greatest misery of a holy man that he carries about with him a “body of death;”—that often when he

Ryle Concluded...

would do good “evil is present with him”; that the old man is clogging all his movements, and, as it were, trying to draw him back at every step he takes. (Romans 7:21.) But it is the excellence of a holy man that he is not at peace with indwelling sin, as others are. He hates it, mourns over it, and longs to be free from its company. The work of sanctification within him is like the wall of Jerusalem—the building goes forward “even in troublous times.” (Daniel 9:25.)

Neither do I say that holiness comes to ripeness and perfection all at once, or that these graces I have touched on must be found in full bloom and vigour before you can call a man holy. No: far from it. Sanctification is always a *progressive* work. Some men’s graces are in the blade, some in the ear, and some are like full corn in the ear. All must have a beginning. We must never despise “the day of small things.” And sanctification in the very best is an *imperfect work*. The history of the brightest saints that ever lived will contain many a “but,” and “howbeit,” and “notwithstanding,” before you reach the end. The gold will never be without some dross—the light will never shine without some clouds, until we reach the heavenly Jerusalem. The sun himself has spots upon his face. The holiest men have many a blemish and defect when weighed in the balance of the sanctuary. Their life is a continual warfare with sin, the world, and the devil; and sometimes you will see them not overcoming, but overcome. The flesh is ever lusting against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh, and “in many things they offend all.” (Gal. 5:17; James 3:2.)

But still, for all this, I am sure that to have such a character as I have faintly drawn, is the heart’s desire and prayer of all true Christians. They press towards it, if they do not reach it. They may not attain to it, but they always aim at it. It is what they strive and labour to be, if it is not what they are.

And this I do boldly and confidently say, that true holiness is a great *reality*. It is something in a

man that can be seen, and known, and marked, and felt by all around him. It is light: if it exists, it will show itself. It is salt: if it exists, its savour will be perceived. It is a precious ointment: if it exists, its presence cannot be hid...

Do you want to attain holiness? Do you feel this day a real hearty desire to be holy? Would you be a partaker of the Divine nature? Then *go to Christ*. Wait for nothing. Wait for nobody. Linger not. Think not to make yourself ready. Go and say to Him, in the words of that beautiful hymn—

“Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, flee to Thee for dress;
Helpless look to Thee for grace.”

There is not a brick nor a stone laid in the work of our sanctification till we go to Christ. Holiness is His special gift to His believing people. Holiness is the work He carries on in their hearts, by the Spirit whom He puts within them. He is appointed a “Prince and a Saviour, to give repentance” as well as remission of sins.—“To as many as receive Him, He gives power to become sons of God.” (Acts 5:31; John 1:12, 13.) Holiness comes not of blood—parents cannot give it to their children: nor yet of the will of the flesh—man cannot produce it in himself: nor yet of the will of man—ministers cannot give it you by baptism. Holiness comes from Christ. It is the result of vital union with Him, It is the fruit of being a living branch of the True Vine. Go then to Christ and say, “Lord, not only save me from the guilt of sin, but send the Spirit, whom Thou didst promise, and save me from its power. Make me holy. Teach me to do Thy will.”

Taken from Holiness: Its Nature, Hindrances, Difficulties, & Roots by John Charles Ryle, Chapter III “Holiness”.

Comments on Finance

by Joel Moody

General Fund receipts for May totaled \$10,725.71 as compared to the budget of \$10,793.04. General Fund disbursements for May totaled \$9,470.27 as compared to the budget of \$10,793.04. May year to date General Fund receipts totaled \$55,927.03 as compared to the budget of \$56,663.58 (a \$736.55 shortfall), while May year to date disbursements of \$61,079.23 exceeded budget by \$4,415.65. Through the end of May, the General Fund has decreased by \$3,966.04.

Benevolence Fund Receipts for May totaled \$1,209.91 while the budget was \$1,429.17. Year to date benevolence receipts through May totaled \$6,661.24, while the budget amount was \$7,145.83. Each month, \$450.00 is sent to Worldwide Outreach for the

General Missions outreach of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. In addition, approximately \$192.00 is sent each month to the Midwest Presbytery's Church Extension Committee. For May, \$600.00 was directed to the Capital Expansion Project through the Kings' Men category of benevolences. In addition, the Hub Spokes amount totaling \$2,350.00 was disbursed (\$1,000 for the Wingards ministry in Uganda, \$1,000 for the Hopps ministry in Haiti, and \$350 for the ministry of Don Ritsman in South Korea). Please remember to pray for the missionaries that our church helps to support.

Gifts directed towards the Capital Fund/ Church Expansion Project totaled \$5,346.00 through the end of May.

Samantha De Jong's Bridal Shower

A Bridal Shower for Samantha De Jong will be held on Thursday, July 31st starting at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Samantha & Rodney are registered at Target and Kohls. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway for all those who would like to attend.



July Birthdays



Happy Birthday!!!

Camp

Camp Westminster will be held Mon.- Fri. August 11-15. This year's speaker will be the Rev. Albert Tricarico, OPC Foreign Missionary to Uganda. He will be speaking on the book of James. Topics are Settled Patience, Divine Wisdom, Faithful Obedience, Christian Love, Helpful Speech and Humble Submission. Although the rooms, cabins and campsites that were being held for our group have been released, reservations may still be made on a first come first served basis by phone or email - Please do not call Green Lake to make your reservation.

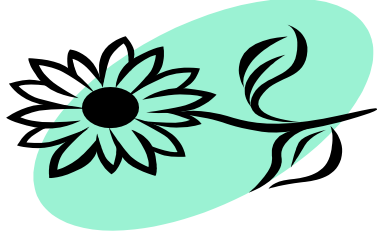




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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Pine Haven Study, 1:30 p.m. <i>Building Comm. Mtg., 7 p.m.</i>	2 Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.	3	4	5 Men's Bible Study, 7:30 a.m.
6	7 Women's Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.	8	9 Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.	10	11	12
13 Missions Sunday	14 Women's Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.	15 Pine Haven Study, 1:30 p.m.	16 Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.	17	18	19
20	21 Women's Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.	22 Session Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	23 Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.	24	25 Ice-cream Social/ Game Time, 7:30 p.m.	26
27 Lord's Supper (a.m.)	28 Women's Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.	29	30	31 Samantha De Jong's Bridal Shower, 7 p.m.		

Megan

from Harlan Harmelink

I took hold of her chubby little hand and we walked down the cement driveway towards the street. Already we could see and hear the little yellow school bus approaching. Miss Nancy (the driver) was her usual cordial self and I smiled to myself as little Megan, with a pretty good sized backpack, was helped to her seat by Miss Nancy's helper.

A picture of happiness, that's Megan! However, 6 years ago Megan was clinging to life. Not only was she a Down syndrome baby, but was born with many problems; the major ones being holes in her heart, only one working lung, and an extremely narrow trachea. At birth Megan was rushed by ambulance to the renowned children's hospital, Cardinal Glennon in down-town St. Louis. She clung to life for about 5 weeks after numerous operations. Finally, the long awaited trip home arrived, oxygen tanks included. My wife stayed with Megan and family for 9 weeks, helping out with Megan and brother Mason who, amazingly, was not neglected.

I guess until Megan came into our family I didn't have much love or compassion for Down syndrome children and their families. Mostly, I felt sorry for them! Several significant events have definitely changed me. Megan, who is main-streamed as a kindergartner was a participant in an awards presentation. We as grandparents were invited. A red carpet was laid down the center of the gymnasium and each student walked down the carpet to receive their award when their name was called. As Grandma and I were seated on folding chairs near this red carpet, we could see

Megan's eyes searching the crowd for us. When she found us, her face lit up with sparkling eyes and a big smile. I had to bite my lip because a big lump was forming in my throat, and I felt hot tears in my eyes. Megan stood and waited for her name to be called, and the teacher took too long so she decided to just start walking down that aisle. Nobody seemed to care that she almost ran to get her award.

Megan's Mom and Dad (Paul and Amy) are active members of a Baptist church and their children participate in the Awana program. At six years old, Megan is finally beginning to talk (she calls me "Grand-pop-pop"). As is tradition in our family, we pray before our meals. Megan's prayer at meal time is a series of sounds that I don't understand but the parents do. I'm sure God knows every word and thought, and He is pleased! I gave my wife's hand a squeeze and said to myself, "thank you Lord for Megan."

Grand Pop Pop



Megan, God's Child

from Nancy Harmelink

“You knew my soul before I was born”
Psalm 139. It is one week until my husband and I drive to St. Louis for our granddaughter Megan's sixth birthday. What a change in mind set there has been for me!!! Upon hearing my daughter Amy would have a Down syndrome baby, I had many emotions, and none of them good or positive. How far I've come! I am well educated in this Down syndrome business and can boldly say it is a true blessing to have Megan in our family. She has certainly taught me a thing or two. I can't speak for others, but I feel honored to be Megan's Grandma and to witness all that goes on in her precious life. One thing I know for sure is that she was made by God and for God and is His child. I have thought of the above mentioned Bible verse over and over again, and its meaning tells me that if this is the way God meant Megan to be, (and God never makes mistakes), then how can I feel about her any other way than being created in God's image? Megan has a purpose in life— just being the way she is, no more or no less.

Many of us confuse intelligence with worth and we must convince people it is not so! I believe Megan's purpose in life is to teach us about joy and acceptance. Her positive attitude shows up in all she does; even the difficult tasks that seem insurmountable to me but not to her. She faces all obstacles head on, trying over and over again, never giving up. Wonderful determination is in her face. Pre Megan, I tended to view those with disabilities as different from the norm, looking at them from my own limited perspective.

Many parents would rather abort, not wanting a less than perfect child and all that goes with it. This tells me how Down syndrome children are valued in our society. Every family would do well to have a Down syndrome child in their home for a year, and I guarantee they would be a changed family. Life is a splendid gift; there is nothing small in it. Megan's 150 watt smile lights up our lives; she is a gift that keeps on giving.

The Down Syndrome Creed says: “My face may be different, but my feelings are the same. I laugh, I cry, I take pride in gains. I was sent here among you, to teach you to love, and God in the heavens looks down from above. To Him I'm no different, His love knows no bounds; it's those here among you, in cities and towns, that judge me by standards that man has imparted. But the family He's chosen will help me get started. For I'm one of His children, so special and few, that came here to learn the same lessons as you. That love and acceptance it must come from the heart. We all have the same purpose though not the same start. The Lord gave my life to live and embrace, and I'll do it as you do, just at my pace.”



What God Can Do in the Wilderness!

by Don Schlernitzauer

“They spoke against God saying, ‘ Can God spread a table in the wilderness? He struck the rock so that water gushed out and streams overflowed. Can He also give bread or provide meat for His people?’” (ESV)

- - Psalm 78:19-20

Probably the most desolate landscape I have ever seen is that of the Sinai Peninsula from the air, a mixture of rugged rocks and sand without readily apparent life forms. In Western society the word “wilderness” conjures up a beautiful rugged landscape with lots of wildlife and little evidence of man. But in the biblical lands, the connotation is different. In fact, the same Hebrew word translated “wilderness” in the above verses can be rendered “desert”, giving the idea not only limited evidence of human life, but of all life. It is this barren, desolate image we should have in mind as we read the word “wilderness” in Scripture.

Though we don’t know most of the exact biblical places mentioned in Exodus, many of them were located in bleak landscapes like that of Sinai. Psalm 78, the longest of the psalms recounting the history of Israel mentions a number of these events such as the water gushing out of the rock at Meribah (Ps. 78:20; Ex. 17:6) and God’s provision from the heavens of quail and manna in the wilderness of Sin (Ps. 78:23-29; Ex. 16:12-13). We are to clearly note that out of the most forlorn, barren landscape— what the Bible calls wilderness— God can and does provide food and drink which gives life.

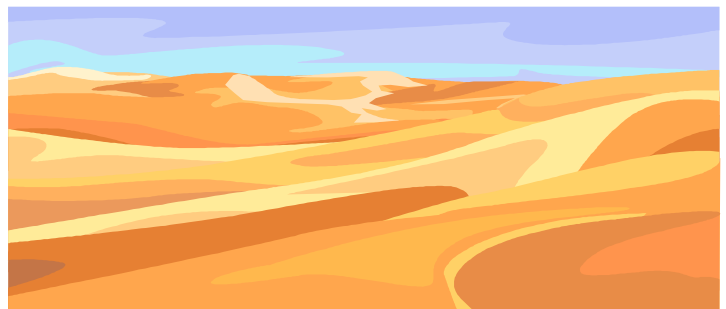
All of these details are, of course, preparatory for what happens in the New Testament, for what is spoken of prophetically in Is. 40:3, where “A voice cries: ‘In the wilderness prepare a way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.’” The gospel writers make it clear (Mark 1:2-4; Matt 3:3) that the voice is that of Jesus’ cousin John, preparing through the call for repentance for the great work of the One who will

follow.

You might wonder why the biblical terms “wilderness” and “desert” are prophetically applied to John’s work. After all, the Jordan River Valley where John preached and baptized is rather lush. But the Old Testament Sinai imagery helps us here. In John’s environ, vegetation and human activity abounded, but there was not the life that Christ came to give when He said, “I have come that you might have life” (John 10:10). In that sense our Savior and his forerunner labored in a desolate wasteland— a true biblical wilderness— a place where there was no hope for life apart from God.

Recall the questions of the skeptical Israelites in Ps. 78:19-20: “Can God spread a table in the wilderness? Can He give bread or provide meat for His people?” The immediate answer to these came in the form of quail and manna. But the real fulfillment for all those of faith comes in the great banquet God provides as noted in Isaiah 25:6, “a feast of rich food and aged wine for all people”, a feast fulfilled in the sacrifice of Christ on Mt. Zion. In that wilderness of Zion, as Jesus was lifted up, He fulfilled His words, “for the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world” (John 6:30).

In the wilderness of our current age as in the wilderness of Sinai and, as well, that of Jesus’ day, there is no hope apart from God. Life comes only from Christ the spiritual Rock who alone provides spiritual food and spiritual drink (1 Cor. 10:3-4). Apart from partaking of Him, there is no life; there is only wilderness.



Letters from Malawi

E-mails between Michael Mulenga and Rev. Ivan & Carla De Master:

Monday, June 16, 2008

... Everbody is doing fine. I am working in Mulanje as a Schools Officer. I have been asked to go for driving lessons and have driving licence. I am praying hard for that. It is expensive to have a driving licence here compared to America. ...By the way, how are ... all the grace christians. I absolutely miss those people. May the good Lord be with you all.

Son in Malawi
Michael

Saturday, June 14, 2008

...Thanks for the response. Time does fly very fast. We are also looking forward to seeing you next month. God bless you and the family. Dyna, Watson, Sophie and Carolyn are sending their greeting to your family too.

Son in Malawi
Michael

Monday, June 9, 2008

Dear Michael,

Great to hear from you; We are making plans for our trip; We will be landing in Blantyre on Saturday, July 26, shortly after noon (if all goes as scheduled);... I will write again before we come...; I look forward to seeing you and Dyna again.

In Christ, Ivan De Master

Monday, June 9, 2008

Hello Mum and Dad,

Sorry for the late response. I am working in unfriendly zone for interent. How are you doing in America? I hope everything is well. I am just counting down the number of days now. Its shortly that you will be in Malawi. I just want to let you know that I traveled from Dedza to Thyolo. I am working in Mulanje but residing in Luchenza which is where my wife's home is. I really love to work in mulanje and operating from my home, I have plans of welcoming you at the Airport. Will you land at Blantyre or Lilongwe? Blantyre is fine for us. Dyna will join me. I am working as a Schools Development Officer; Waiting to hear from you. God bless you always.

Michael

Tuesday, April 22, 2008

Dear Michael and Dyna,

I am thinking about Malawi today as I look over my planned trip to your country this year; I will be coming to teach and preach for two weeks; This time I will be with another pastor, Douglas Clawson, our schedule is to come to Blantyre and to travel to many places; The schedule includes a stop in Dedza; We are to come to Dedza on Wednesday evening, August 6, and to preach at a nearby church the next morning; We are to go on to Blantyre and meet with the principle of the Bible College there at 3:30 in the afternoon. We are doing well...

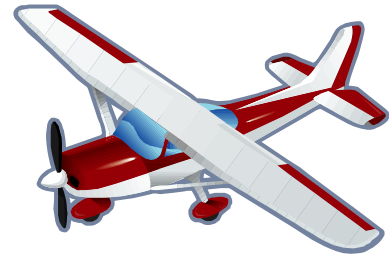
May the Lord bless you ...

Ivan De Master



Prayer Request

Please pray for Rev. Ivan De Master and Rev. Doug Clawason as they look forward to their upcoming trip to Malawi. They will be heading out on July 24th to minister to many in that area. Please pray that all would go smoothly as they make many preparations.



Prision Ministry

by Rev. Ivan De Master

Recipes— Calorie Free!

★ Fresh Cut Flowers- will last and last in—1 quart warm or room temperature water, to which is added: 2 Tablespoons vinegar, 1 teaspoon sugar (stir to dissolve). Cut an inch of stems off every couple of days and you'll be amazed how much they drink!

★ Glass/Window Cleaner

2 Tbsp. ammonia

1/2 cup rubbing alcohol

1/4 tsp. liquid dish soap

water to make 1 quart

Costs pennies; is better than any purchased cleaner. For dirty windows, use a clean piece of cotton bedding for second cleaning. Squeaky clean glass!

★ Grease Cutter: A Heavy— Duty Cleaner

4 oz. ammonia

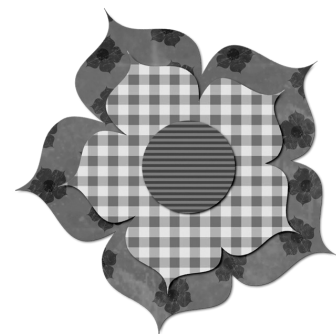
12 oz. rubbing alcohol

16 oz. water

Fill a recycled spray bottle or two and save \$'s. It really cleans!

~ *I've used these almost no-cost recipes for years — they work!*

Darlene Cooper



“There is nothing better for a man than to eat and drink and tell himself that his labor is good. This also I have seen, that it is from the hand of God. For who can have enjoyment without Him?”



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★ Did you know that the subject of this DYK is the author of Fox's Book of Martyrs, John Fox?

★ That after they had to flee England, they settled in Basil and John Fox provided for his family by working with printing presses, which were popular in the area?

★ That it was there that he worked on the first parts of what he then called the "Acts and Monuments of the Martyrs"?

★ That he worked on this for 11 years and waited to publish certain parts so as to receive actual accounts from eyewitnesses and to make sure that certain parts were accurate?

★ That these were first printed in both Latin & English?

★ That his book was installed in churches and other places around England by Queen Elizabeth, during whose reign John Fox returned to London and was in good favor?

★ Did you know that Archbishop Parker in 1564 tried to push through an order that all churches had to follow the ways of the established church in England?

★ That Fox was called to sign a document saying he would do this?

★ That Fox's reply to this was to draw "from his pocket his Greek New Testament, saying, 'To this I will subscribe!'" and they eventually stopped persecuting him?

★ Did you know that he died on April 18th, 1587 (70 years old) and was buried in London?

Information found at <http://www.apuritansmind.com/MemoirsPuritans/MemoirsPuritansJohnFox.htm>

Ice - Cream Social/ Game Time

Everyone's invited to come to the Ice-Cream Social/ Game Night. It will be held on Friday, July 25th starting at 7:30 p.m. Delicious ice-cream will be provided that evening and there is a sign-up sheet with different toppings to bring to compliment it, hanging on the bulletin board in the hallway. Be sure to mark this fun event on your calendar!

