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## Evolutionary Parenting

by Pastor Adam Watt

In July of 1994, President Clinton signed a resolution "recognizing, uplifting, and supporting the role of parents in the rearing of children." This resolution led to the national Parent's Day which is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of each July. While this resolution calls for parental involvement, the modern view of influence in a child's life has strayed from the Biblical view, becoming more of a social rather than spiritual influence. Furthermore, the modern cry is the abolition of any spiritual or religious influence in the lives of children, for such an affect would bring bondage to the free thinking liberty of the child.

This destructive philosophy actually results from the growth of evolutionary thinking in America and around the world. To see the connection between evolution and the free thinking of children, one must remember that evolutionary thought always seeks betterment. In this case, the betterment of society is the focal point, and to achieve this goal, natural selection culls out the extravagant and wasteful. One movement in the past five years that has championed the cause of natural selection is the New Atheism. Led by Richard Dawkins (*The God Hypothesis*), the New Atheism is founded on evolution and natural selection. The New Atheist's call extends past the atheistic claim that God does not exist, to seek a complete removal and annihilation of any religion whatsoever. Especially to Dawkins, religion hampers the improvement and betterment of society, and to remedy the problem, religion must be eradicated from the minds of youth.

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## THE NAMELESS PROPHET

by Rev. John Ashbrook

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### CHAPTER V

As you read this chapter I would like you to open your Bible to I Kings 13. I want you to journey back with me through the musty corridors of time to relive three scenes from the life of a prophet whom God has allowed to be nameless.

To set the scene of the chapter we must take our minds back to the closing days of Solomon's reign. They were not his best days, for he had succumbed to the temptations of the flesh. Instead of being satisfied with the abundant riches God had given him, he determined to gather more by laying an oppressive burden of taxation on his people. As long

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## EDITOR'S DESK

by Pastor Tod Brainard

### Reflections on God's Providential Care in the Age of Randomness

Christians as well as non-Christians frequently speak of accidents, circumstances beyond our control, or of things just happening by chance. Down through the ages, sickness, suffering, sorrow and pain have always raised questions about God's providential care of His creation. Questions like: Why do bad things happen? If God is both powerful and good, why is there so much suffering and misery in the world? Charles Dickens asked that question of the Victorian age.

It would seem to the unregenerate mind that God is either good but not all-powerful, or that He is all-powerful but not all good. The Bible teaches us, however, that God is all-powerful and that He is good. This aspect of God's character is called the "providence of God." God's providence is His constant care for and absolute rule over all His creation for His own glory and the good of His people. Nothing, not even the smallest thing, escapes God's control and care.

Lottery-living dominates this age. Randomness, luck, chance, fate---these are modern man's answer to the age-old question, "Why do bad things happen?" If one does not believe there is a God then randomness must rule. Still others have fabricated a God of their own cognitions who created the universe and then walked away to leave it running according to its natural laws and man's devices. Many of America's founding fathers believed this. A surprising number of "Christians" practically hold to this view, or they accept the concept that God is sovereign,

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as Solomon lived, the rebellion was hidden. Upon his death, taxation became the issue of the hour. That issue set the scene for a young opportunist by the name of Jeroboam to seize ten of the twelve tribes.

I Kings 13 takes us into Israel, the Northern Kingdom, the new kingdom of Jeroboam. Jeroboam was by no means godly; but he was by all means wise in the ways of the world. He saw clearly that if his people were to journey to Jerusalem for the historic feasts, the nation would soon unite, and he would be a king without a kingdom.

We read his solution to the problem in I Kings 12:28,29,32: *"Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said unto them, it is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. And he set the one in Bethel, and the other put he in Dan...And Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the feast that is in Judah, and he offered upon the altar."*

God's answer to this crisis was what it usually is, a man. We meet him in I Kings 13:1: *"And, behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the Lord unto Bethel: and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense."*

### A SCENE OF VICTORY

This brings us to the first of our three scenes. We see the nameless prophet in a scene of victory. It appears to me that the day on which this scene took place may well have been the great dedication day of the altar of Bethel. King Jeroboam himself was

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# FOCUS ON RELIGION

## Sowing Among The Thorns

by Curtis Sluss

Jeremiah prophesied beginning the 13<sup>th</sup> year of King Josiah's reign and continued prophesying for over 40 years. Baal worship was common then, but in the 18<sup>th</sup> year of Josiah's reign Shaphan read the Book of the Law to the king causing him to inquire of the Lord and institute reforms to turn back to God. The King publically renewed the covenant with all his heart and soul, then all the people pledged themselves to the covenant. Neither before nor after Josiah was there a king like him who turned to the LORD as he did—with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his strength.

One might expect the book of Jeremiah would reflect this great turning to God mentioned in II Kings in keeping with the pledge the people made; but sadly, such is not the case. Apparently, the king turned to God, the people simply made a pledge they did not keep. Decisionism is not a modern day invention, in Jeremiah's day, like our day, a decision may not mean a change in heart; just an increase in religious activity.

Josiah's reforms of cleaning out pagan worldly practices seemed to have been short lived. He obviously did not have the support of the priests and people. The worldly practices and philosophy that had been resident in the fabric of Jewish life for years were not

easily removed. The people had no change of heart, the religious activity rapidly returned to embracing the worldly culture of the day.

Worship of God was corrupted as the practices of the culture were not separated from, but embraced and incorporated into their religious service: "To what purpose cometh there to me incense from Sheba, and the sweet cane from a far country? your burnt offerings are not acceptable, nor your sacrifices sweet unto me." The people honored God with their lips, but their lip service was a lie as they still kept Baal and their wickedness, even in God's temple.

God commanded them "Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns". God does not give confusing commands and a casual reading of Jeremiah gives clear understanding what God meant. Every successful farmer is a strong separatist; he must separate the thorns and weeds from the field where he will sow his seed, or else the good seed will not produce. This separation takes hard work and perseverance as the thorns and weeds keep coming back. God used a farming illustration all could understand, but the book of Jeremiah reveals that this warning was not heeded. In like manner, in our day, many are sowing among the thorns as CCM, the social gospel, the

entertainment gospel, humanism, tolerance, New Evangelicalism, and the worldliness of our culture are embraced and incorporated into our churches as a part of our worship and our presentation of the Gospel.

Today, sowing among the thorns has been practiced so long that many who have grown up in such ministries assume it to be normal Christianity; they think they are more effective serving God than they would be without these worldly enhancements. Speaking against it is ignored (just as in Jeremiah's day). After all, look at the large harvest it produces! However, God decreed the harvest produced by sowing among the thorns to be defective: "They have sown wheat, but shall reap thorns."

In Jeremiah's day as in our day, men are oblivious to the bad harvest a lack of separation produces and call defective fruit good. They sow much but reap little when it comes to genuine fruit.

Dear friends, is it not time to stop sowing among the thorns expecting God to bless worldly methods, practices and alliances? God is still not mocked; sowing wheat among thorns still reaps thorns and the fierce anger of the LORD.

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present to lead his people in the idolatry. Uninvited, our prophet strode to the center of the stage and did four things.

His first action was to make a prediction. *"And he cried against the altar in the word of the Lord, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the Lord: Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee."*

The prediction was very definite. It promised the birth of a man, identified the family into which he would be born, gave his name and told exactly what he would do. Three hundred years later that prophecy was fulfilled. You may read it in II Kings 23:15,16.

But people are hardly moved by predictions which are one hundred years down the road. So the prophet's second action was to give a sign. That sign was not years down the road. It was immediately fulfilled as verses 2-5 tell us: *"And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This is the sign which the Lord hath spoken; Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that are upon it shall be poured out. And it came to pass when King Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, which had cried against the altar in Bethel, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him. And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to him."*

*The altar also was rent, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the Lord."*

God had given this prophet some credentials to present and he did so right there. There was a terrifying crack, the top of the altar shattered and the ashes went pouring down through the split. At almost the same instant the King cried out a command to arrest the prophet. The arm with which he pointed out his victim withered in place so he could not draw it in again. This introduces our prophet's next action.

The prophet's third action was to pray for a healing. We read it in verse 6. *"And the king answered and said unto the man of God, Entreat now the face of the Lord thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God besought the Lord, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as it was before."*

I must admit that this part of the story is always disappointing to me. I hope that the prophet will not pray a word and will leave Jeroboam standing there with his arm at half mast. I hope that, for the rest of his life, every time he tries to turn over in bed he will be reminded not to lay hold of prophets. But, God is more gracious than His servants. He restored Jeroboam's arm.

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but believe that He chooses not to exercise His sovereignty in the daily affairs of men and that is why there is so much suffering in this world. It is my understanding that several conservative commentators, such as Rush Limbaugh, Glenn Beck, Bill O'reilly, and Ann Coulter all ascribe to this belief.

Our Lord Jesus Christ directly contradicted these ways of thinking about God's sovereignty, *"Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father....Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows"* (Matt. 10:29, 31). According to Jesus Christ, God exercises His sovereignty in very minute events - even the life and death of a sparrow. The point is crystal clear - if God exercises His sovereignty in regard to sparrows, most certainly He will exercise it in regard to His children.

God's love for us does not protect us from all pain and sorrow. But let us remember that it is also true that all occasions of pain and sorrow are under the absolute providential control of God.

Job's friend, Eliaphaz, did not ascribe to this belief. In Job 4:7 we learn Eliaphaz's philosophy of God's providence: ***All the righteous are preserved from disaster and pain. Such only comes upon the wicked!*** Wrong! The list of Scriptural exceptions to Eliaphaz's belief is too long to list. God's sovereignty allows for pain and

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# Proverb Practicals

by Ludwig Opager

## Proverbs 19:22 - The desire of a man is his kindness: and a poor man is better than a liar.

We are told by this proverb that a man's desire is equal to his kindness. Notice it does not say that a man's kindness is equal to or revealed by his deeds or doings. It simply says that the desire of a man is his kindness.

Desire is an internal act, an act of the heart which influences the will and moves the man to proceed to action. But action is not necessarily required to define the man's kindness. What is important is what takes place in the heart. For you see, the man may not be able to perform that which takes place in the heart for he may be incapable of acting on the desires of his heart. The desire may be present whether or not he acts them out!

Jesus Christ enjoyed watching people. Mark's Gospel relates that Jesus watched the people cast money into the treasury. He noticed that many that were rich cast in much. It took a while for the rich to cast in their coins. It was easy to notice their giving because the coins were many and noisy and perhaps even shiny.

But Jesus also noticed that a poor widow came and threw in two mites totaling a farthing which was not a sum to boast about, certainly not a sum that was worthy of notice by anyone but Jesus. Mark reports that Jesus told his disciples "That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want

did cast in all that she had, even all her living" (Mark 12:43-44).

Jesus Christ knew her heart! He knew the desire of her heart which was her kindness. Jesus Christ knew that her desire was to cast in much more than all the rich men who were casting in out of their abundance but she only had two mites. Her desire was to give all that she had but the rich man had no such desire. His desire was measured by the portion of his riches that he gave, but hers was measured by the desire to hold back nothing but to give all. And her desire defined her kindness, not the two mites that she cast in. You see God does not look at the amount of the gift given, for He is not impressed by numbers. Man is impressed by numbers because what ever man makes can be counted, but what ever God makes is beyond counting.

A rich man may give an amount that is impressive but be totally devoid of love. The gift may only be given to receive the praise and adoration of men. Do you think that we have a God that honors that? No, God always looks on the heart. You can not impress our God with outward acts that are not in accord with the heart. Only men are impressed with outward acts and reward such, but God desires a heart to be in accord with the outward acts.

Matthew Henry in his Commentary stated this proverb thusly:

**"It is far better to have a heart to do good, and want ability for it, than to have ability for it, and want a heart to it."**

David had a heart to do good when he desired to build the temple. God was true to His word when he recognized David's desire as his kindness as we read in:

2 Chronicles 6:8 - "But the LORD said to David my father, Forasmuch as it was in thine heart to build an house for my name, thou didst well in that it was in thine heart."

God had found David the son of Jesse, a man after His own heart, which would fulfill all His will. David was willing to build the temple and God counted it as the kindness of David.

2 Cor 8:12 again expresses this truth: "For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not."

**The heart is the key to kindness and not the act. The poor man who cannot give but desires in his heart to give is better than the man who professes kindness and gives, but only because of personal gain.**

This proverb reminds us to examine ourselves. What is our motivation? I give, therefore I am kind, is not the correct conclusion. What is your heart? For that is what God examines to reveal your kindness. **Ω**



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How, then, does religion continue to survive despite the best efforts of natural selection? To answer this, Dawkins claims that religion is a “misfiring” or “unfortunate by-product” of natural selection. This concept is explained with an example of a parent and child. In order for the child to survive natural selection and be “fit,” he learns at an early age to listen to the advice of the parent. For example, when the parent warns against playing in the street or touching the hot stove, the child learns that in order to survive, he must therefore listen to the parent. Unfortunately, however, a side effect of this “programming” is that the child also takes what the parent says about religion as rudimentary for life. The child therefore is programmed to continue religion despite the fact that natural selection wants to eliminate it as waste. To Dawkins, this is “unfortunate” and must be corrected if society is to improve.

In order to loophole this “unfortunate by-product,” Dawkins proposes that the parent desist in his religious influence over the child. This influence binds the child to think like the parent, inhibiting the natural progression of his free thought. Dawkins goes so far as to write that teaching and influencing a child in a religious direction is more damaging than abusing the child physically or sexually. To prevent this terrible abuse, the child’s thinking liberty in developmental years is urged; the child should grow up seeing choice, not indoctrination. Clearly, this is a move to completely erase parental

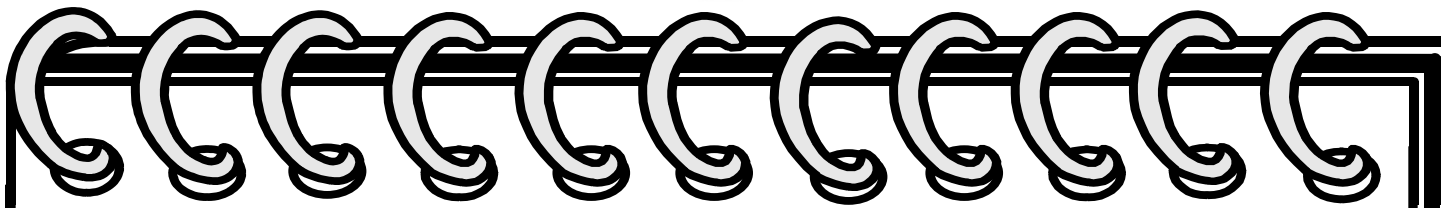
spiritual influence, and evolutionary thinking is the driving force behind it.

As a result of this type of thinking, parental influence has been whittled down to involvement in the child’s life without any guidance—that is, an involvement that is purely emotional. In contrast to this method, the Bible exhorts parents to have a strong influence in the life of the child. The oft quoted passage *train up a child in the way he should go* typically comes to mind, as well as numerous examples from the Scripture. One example that illustrates the value of parental influence is the life of Timothy. In II Timothy 1:5, a line of faith is described that extended from the grandmother to the mother and then down to Timothy. No doubt they had a strong influence in the life of Timothy, and this influence is specifically stated later in 3:14-15. Paul writes, *But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.*

In this passage, Paul is clear that Timothy was under the influence of the Scriptures from the time of his youth. However, when the three verbs of this passage are studied, further facts about this influence surface. The three main verbs applying to Timothy are *hast learned*, *hast been assured of*, and *hast known*. The first and last of these three verbs are both

in the active voice: Timothy actively pursued learning and knowing the Scriptures. However, the middle verb, *hast been assured of*, is in the passive voice. In other words, while Timothy had freedom to actively pursue learning and knowing the Scriptures, another influence outside of himself assured him of what he was learning. Timothy was guided in the things that he was actively learning. He had liberty to learn and to search the Scripture, but perhaps it was his parents or even Paul that assured him of the truth. This verb actually means *to make faithful* or *to render trustworthy*. The things that Timothy learned and came to a conclusion over were verified as consistent with the Scriptures.

This is the role of the parent’s influence in the life of the child. As the child studies and learns from God’s Word, the parent is to validate and verify that learning as consistent with the Scriptures. While the child does have the liberty to learn, the parent is not to relinquish his responsibility to verify and point out the truth or error of what the child is learning. In order to accomplish this, the Scriptures must be taught authoritatively, just as they were to Timothy. All parents will ultimately have an affect on their children. Will that influence be one that directs them to a religion or system, one that lets them direct their own thinking, or one that emphasizes a comparison with the Scriptures to verify truth. Only in the Scriptures can the child find the truths that *make them wise unto salvation*. Ω

*Teaching Tips**by Doris Peppard*

### *The Great Cursive Debate*

Since the summer began I have heard three news stories and read two educational articles discussing the “antiquated” subject of cursive penmanship instruction. The current philosophy is that students of today do not need to learn to write in cursive because it is old fashioned and it takes up valuable teaching time in the daily classroom schedule. The educational wizards of today have decided that our students need to be taught typing skills as soon as possible. They purport that even signatures will eventually be virtual (computer generated). Now although I do not argue that schools should keep up-to-date with technology, I would recommend that the teaching of cursive handwriting is valuable for discipline’s sake, for individuality’s sake, and for history’s sake. And what of the possibility that God may lead a student to a mission field where there is neither electricity nor a computer?

First of all, cursive handwriting demands discipline. Students must be taught to control their small motor skills and make smooth, fine movements with their pencil or pen to form each letter. The ability to write legibly requires students to develop concentration and eye-hand coordination. To master this skill students are required to practice writing skills daily. Excellent penmanship can be attained only through due diligence and persistence – both skills we want to develop in our students! The value is in the exercise of handwriting.

Secondly, we realize that cursive penmanship will help our students develop their individuality. At the beginning of the teaching process students learn to take the correct “form” (standard) of each letter and copy it as closely to the standard as they possibly can. Once the correct “form” is mastered, students are then allowed to personalize it according to their own personalities. This teaches students not only to strive to master the standard set forth, but take that skill to the next level.

Thirdly, it is important for students to learn to read and write cursive penmanship so that they can read and study documents for history’s sake. All of our early American documents were written in cursive. Many of our students have relatives who sent letters handwritten from war zones, foreign countries, love letters, etc. That is a very important part of that student’s heritage. Cursive penmanship personalizes these letters making them even the more valuable to family members. Schools in early America allocated a great deal of classroom time to the practice of penmanship in notebooks. While visiting Mount Vernon, I had the opportunity to visit the classroom where George Washington was tutored. On the shelf were his many notebooks where he made valiant attempts to perfect his “hand.” What a rich heritage would be lost if our children never learn to read and write cursive penmanship.

Because writing is considered one of the “Three R’s” early educators utilized penmanship as one of the best methods to teach students to develop their character. Because it does require time and effort on the teacher’s part as well as the student’s part, this labor is valuable for our students. In today’s fast paced society when manual labor and skills are quickly being replaced by technology, we need to hold on to the old fashioned, tried and true skill of teaching cursive penmanship to our students.



## Exclusiveness Versus Inclusiveness

by Ludwig Opager

If it has not been clear to you that Satan hates God and everything God stands for, your vision, as days go by, ought to become clearer. It is ever so apparent that Satan's program is fully becoming the program of this world and specifically of our nation. It is easy to see that Satan's program is an inclusive program, a program that promotes the complete erasure of individuality in favor of egalitarianism, another name for egalitarianism.

It did not take long for Satan to expose his program for he first revealed this in the Garden of Eden. At his first appearance before Eve he opposed God's program of exclusivism. God told Adam and Eve to eat freely of all the fruit trees, but God excepted one tree. God choose to exclude one tree from their eating, and that tree was the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Satan immediately opposed this exclusivism by saying "Hath God said ye shall not eat of every tree (inclusivism) of the garden?" And further he challenged God's statement concerning the results of the eating of that tree, the result called death that has come upon every man, woman and child because of Adam's sin.

Think about the words and phrases that God uses in His Word: *the way, the truth, the life, elect before the foundation of the world, chosen, narrow is the way, none other name, no other gods before me, one God, one mediator, one Spirit*. These are black and white words, not words to wonder about, not words to be

confused about, but words of exclusivism.

Everything in nature declares exclusiveness. Every harvest brings forth fruit that is accepted and chaff that is rejected. In fact, that which is rejected far surpasses that which is accepted. Weigh the accepted shelled peas against the rejected pods and tell me otherwise.

At every point Satan opposes God's exclusivism and proposes in its stead inclusivism. Think about the statue in Nebuchadnezzar's dream. It shows Satan's plan for his world of inclusivism in that the materials indicate sovereign kingdoms going from a head of gold to feet of iron and clay. They indicate a downgrade of civil authority from that of a sovereign king to a democracy; government of the people pictured in Daniel as iron and clay. Clay represents people and iron represents authority. So the last government of mankind is a government of inclusiveness, one man, one vote; i.e., democracy.

Look at our own country founded upon the principles of God's Word, resulting in a Republic, not a democracy. A Mrs. Powel of Philadelphia asked Benjamin Franklin, "*Well, Doctor, what have we got, a republic or a monarchy?*" With no hesitation whatsoever, Franklin responded, "*A republic, if you can keep it.*" We started out with a Republic but I'm afraid we have not kept it as our legislators shun reasoned principled arguments in favor of party affiliation, poll results, pressure groups, political action committees, and self aggrandizement.

We have the idea that governing is simply wetting one's finger and putting it up to measure which way the wind is blowing and then voting accordingly. I believe we are coming closer and closer to inclusivism as we shed righteous judgment.

This is Satan's plan; however, God's plan overrules in that a stone cut without hands (no involvement by men) smites Nebuchadnezzar's image and breaks Satan's inclusivism to pieces. This stone cut without hands is God's exclusiveness, God's only begotten Son, the Sovereign.

Now a cursory study of God's Word will bring you to the truth that God is an exclusive God. Exclusive means that He chooses to categorize, He chooses to place some of his creation in places of honor and some of His creation in places of dishonor. Romans 9:14-23 is replete with this principle for God says He will have mercy and compassion on whom He chooses. He says clearly that he raised Pharaoh up in order to show His power that His name might be declared throughout all the earth. He said He chooses to have mercy on some and He chooses to harden others.

He asks those who question this exclusiveness: "Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed *it*, Why hast thou made me thus?"<sup>21</sup> Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?"

And the Apostle Paul adds: "What if God, willing to show *his* wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much long-

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suffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction: <sup>23</sup>And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory."

So God fits vessels for wrath and God fits vessels for mercy.

Why? That He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy. Now how dare you or I reply against God? Are you not formed by God? Am I not made by God? Are we not but clay?

It is not a wonder how God chose to exercise wrath on the vessels fitted to destruction. It is a wonder that God chose to make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy which he had afore prepared unto glory. God choose to extend mercy and compassion on some which is fully God's right, for He is the Sovereign of Sovereigns and reserves to Himself His right to exclude.

God is God and as God, He is sovereign in all things. He is the one and only one who makes this world rotate on an unseen axis with a steadiness that only He knows how to provide. Every part of the universe, every star, every planet, every meteor, every atom obeys His will and without His approval they dare not go their own way.

But the Scripture reveals to us that Satan wishes to usurp this consistency by attempting to make that which is good into evil and that which is evil into good. We are seeing the attempt by Satan of a great leveling of God's

diverse creation and the leveling is increasing.

Marriage is being leveled in order to destroy it.

God has made a man and woman to become one in marriage, but Satan moves to level this so that any choice of any individual or group can become one. God has made the man to be the head of the home, commanding submissiveness on the part of the woman, but Satan sees to it that the word *obey* is taken out of the marriage vows as was seen in the recent royal wedding. And it is so amazing how proud people are of that! How liberated they say! For why must the woman opt to obey when all are equal in authority in Satan's domain?

But God made men and women to differ in their God-given roles. Men and women are to wear clothes different from each other but Satan brings in his level and promotes no distinctions. Down with gender is the mantra of this age for gender is God-made, but today all, both male and female, are simply guys.

This great leveling is promoted by our leaders as they preach the need to redistribute wealth from the rich and give wealth to the poor. However, God tells us "Thou shalt not steal." That old Communist maxim is dredged up in new clothes: "From each according to his ability, to each according to his need"

But even in this statement we see an individual responsibility, not the forceful taking from the individual by the government to give to another. Giving to the poor is to be an act of love from the hand of

God through His people not an act of theft by the ruler.

Worker groups also wish to see that reward is given not by excellence of work but because the worker belongs to a certain group. Didn't Jesus take from the servant who buried the talent and give it to the one who brought a profit? This is backwards according to Satan's realm, but this is how God operates. God rewards hard work and does not promote the lazy. Satan promotes the taking from honest labor and giving it to those who refuse to labor.

The biggest leveler that is taught today is that we have all come from the same muck and mire (inclusivism) and evolved into what we are today. So why should one evolved creature be ahead of another evolved creature in anything? Why should a child be under the rule of an adult for they are only evolving animals? Some are saying that anything alive is equal to anything else that is alive. If you have rights, then trees should have equal rights. All of us are simply animals and why should one animal have the right to kill another? However, God gave dominion to Adam (exclusivism) at the creation.

Satan wishes to destroy this exclusiveness and level the playing field. Out with the individual and in with the group. Out with anything that distinguishes the individual and in with anything that distinguishes the group as a whole. Out with individual reward and in with group reward even if it means confiscating it

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from the individual. Out with grades, out with scores that put one individual above another for this is not acceptable in Satan's program.

Today we are to think globally. We are to think one worldism.

There is indeed nothing new under the sun for remember the words of God in Genesis to people who also were one worlders. Satan was busy then as he is busy now. But God would not allow this to happen for we read of this in Genesis 11:4, "And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. 'And the LORD said, Behold, the people *is* one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.'"

God knows that a leveling of a people with sinful natures will always result in a people living at the lowest level. The Pilgrims tried this leveling and soon found out that their sinful nature did not permit it to work. Only God can bring out the best in individuals and that comes by a dying to self through the power of the Holy Spirit. God says, "Ye must be born again" and is exclusive about it; no ifs, ands or buts! Satan is inclusive, always questioning God's Word and beckoning all into his kingdom only to be destroyed. Ω



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suffering to come to the righteous. However, God does not walk away and leave us to the mercy of uncontrolled random or chance events, nor does He send calamity only upon the wicked as Eliaphaz believed.

Confidence in the sovereignty of God in all that affects us is crucial to our trusting Him, yes, resting in Him... If there is a single event in the entire universe that can occur outside of God's sovereign control then we cannot rest in Him. His love may be infinite, but if His power is limited and His purposes can be thwarted, we cannot trust Him. However, the Scriptures teach that God rules as surely on earth as He does in Heaven and declares that as His children we should always pray that His will be performed on earth even as it is in heaven (Matt. 6:10).

What saith the Scriptures?

Proverbs 16:9, "A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directed his steps." Proverbs 19:21, "*There are many devices in a man's heart: nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.*" Literal translation, "Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the LORD'S purpose that prevails." Proverbs 21:30, "*There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD.*" Lamentations 3:37, "*Who is he that saith, and it cometh to pass, when the Lord commandeth it not?*" Revelation 3:7, "*And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and*

*no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth.*"

We make plans, but those plans can succeed only when they are consistent with God's purposes. No one can act if the Lord has not first initiated to either make it happen or permit it to happen. In addition, we have all experienced what we perceived to be injustices at the hands of others. When these events occur they can cause pain and anguish. We hurt. We suffer. But in the midst of our suffering, we must know and believe that God is in control.

We honor God by choosing through His grace to rest in Him when we don't understand what He is doing or why He has allowed some adverse circumstance to occur. As we seek God's glory, we may be sure that He has purposed our good (Romans 8:28) and that He will not be frustrated in fulfilling His glorious purposes. (To be continued . . )

## Letters to the Editor



Thank you for the Projector and the Enlightenment I receive from it.  
ME

I love your paper that I get and do read.  
MS

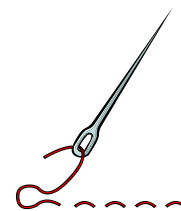
Your publication continues to surpass all others that I receive. I am encouraged as I read through its pages. Your resolved stand upon Scripture Truth coupled with a loving compassion most certainly is pleasing in God's sight.  
MN



# Stars of the Morning

## MRS. THREADS CAN MAKE ANYTHING

by "Aunt Carolyn"



"Help! Help! A wild tiger has broken into our house! Help! Save me!" Father wailed in panic!

The wild beast roared toward Father. He leaped behind his big chair, pleading, "Don't eat me! Don't eat me! Help!" The terrible tiger suddenly stopped dead still. What would happen?

Then with a struggle, the fierce tiger removed its' head revealing underneath a smiling, happy boy, delighted with his antics! "See, Daddy, it's me! I fooled you!"

"Oh, what a fright you gave me," Father sighed in relief, gave the tiger a giant bear hug and pulled the laughing boy onto his lap. "Where did you get such a costume?"

"Mrs. Threads made it!" Davey announced proudly.

"Mrs. Who?"

"Mrs. Threads! You know, the nice lady with the 'Sewing and Alterations' sign on Maple Street."

Mother added, "She sews beautifully. Davey loves to go there."

"Sure", Davey chimed in. "She always gives me cookies! And she says I may come often and play with Dickey. He's her grandson."

"Ah, so that's the attraction", Father said, "But she must be quite a seamstress."

"Yes, Sir!" chirped Davey. "I call her Mrs. Threads, because she has so much pretty cloth and so many colors of thread. Mrs. Threads can make anything! And I fooled you with my tiger costume, didn't I, Daddy?"

"Well, I'd say you did a pretty good job. You made my little boy seem like something fierce and terrible, but you know the devil often takes something bad and evil and makes it seem good and pleasing. Don't ever let the devil fool you with his tricks, Davey"

Next day Davey went to Mrs. Threads' house. The boys were having fun playing ball when Mrs. Threads called them in – yes, for cookies! There were three kinds, and Mrs. Threads knew about boys and said they could have each kind.

As Davey looked around her sewing room he saw many garments: a bridal gown, a frog costume, a queen's costume, a cute little jacket for Miss Pierre's little sausage dog, and a giant pair of trousers for Mr. Wilkey, who couldn't buy pants big enough to fit his oversized stomach.

Davey looked at it all. "Wow, Dickey, your Grandma can make anything!"

"I know it" Dickey chirped. "She can make *everything*!"

Grandma overheard all the chatter, laid down her needlework, and said, "Thanks for the compliments, my dears, but come here and I'll show you something your 'Mrs. Threads' cannot make."

She opened her well-worn Bible and opened it to Isaiah 61:10. "Read this, please," she said, and together they read, "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness..."

"What covering is named in the verse?" asked Mrs. Threads.

"Well, a robe of righteousness," they answered.

"Indeed, and can anyone make such a special robe?"

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"Right, but does everyone need one?"

"Yes, Ma'am" they replied.

"Why? Why does everyone need one?"

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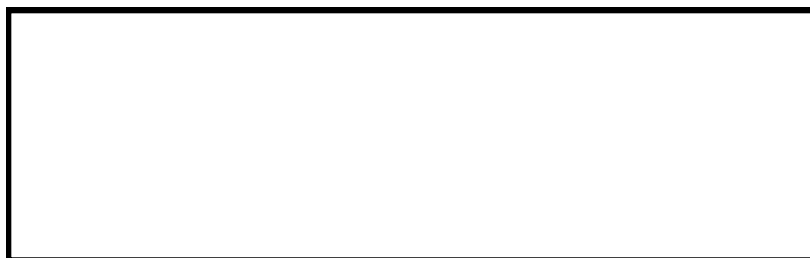


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 "Well," they sighed as if explaining something Mrs. Threads had never heard before. "We have to have Christ's righteousness to cover our sins to go to heaven. He died for us and if we receive Him as Savior He will forgive our sins and cover us with *His robe* of righteousness."  
 "That's right!" she answered. "A man in the Bible tried to attend a marriage supper without a wedding garment. He was cast out! No good works, money, or pretending can substitute for true faith in Christ. As in the story of "The Emperor's New Clothes" – the king paraded around professing to wear a royal robe, when in fact, he had on nothing at all over his itchy, droopy underwear. What a shock it was to learn his true condition! He ran to hide!"  
 The boys teetered a bit thinking of the proud king, but they knew it would be terrifying to stand before the Lord at the Judgment in anything less than Christ's righteousness!  
 After a moment of silence, Davey said, "Well I'd better head home. Thanks for the cookies, Mrs. Threads, and for telling us about a robe you cannot make. I'll tell Dad about it!"  
 "You're welcome, Davey. Come back soon! You never know what's in the cookie jar!"  
 What about you? If you had to meet Jesus today and stand at the Judgment, would you be saved from the punishment for your sin? Would you be covered by Christ's righteousness? If not, repent of your sins, receive Christ's payment, and trust Him to save you now. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9). "Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, whose sins are covered" (Romans 4:7). Ω  
*"Religion today is not transforming people; rather it is being transformed by the people. It is not raising the moral level of society; it is descending to society's own level, and congratulating itself that it has scored a victory because society is smilingly accepting its surrender."*  
**A. W. Tozer (1897-1963)**  
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