

Clergy Comment

Is The Bible a Forgotten Book?



by Rev. Harold R. Patzer, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Georgetown

Canada has just witnessed a meeting of the provincial premiers in which they discussed constitutional reform, a matter of unusual interest to a great many Canadians, and to provincial governments in particular. Could we imagine under these circumstances the calamity of having lost the British North America Act, or having no constitution at all as a basis for governing or discussion?

In the days of the Hebrew King Josiah, a situation difficult to imagine occurred just this way. God's Word or Law, which was to rule their lives, had actually been lost and forgotten. It was found accidentally, when the temple was under repair (2 Kings 22:8-13; 2 Chronicles 34:14-33), and then brought before the king. In repentance for having neglected God's Word, he had it read publicly, and reinstated its use.

We ask, "would it make any difference if we had no Bibles in Canada today?" For many people, it probably wouldn't matter much one way or another. For those who call themselves Christians, however, it would matter very much indeed.

FORGOTTEN IN MANY WAYS

In truth, the Bible has become a forgotten book in many ways. Even with unprecedented mass distribution in English versions and numerous translations, it remains either unknown or unaccepted as God's book of truth for man's eternal salvation, and as a God-given guide to follow in life. While readily available in our land, it is often looked upon only as an item of literature comparable to other documents of the past, and perhaps studied for its historical content. Surely, it has value in these areas, but these are only secondary purposes. The tragic development in its treatment is that human judgement and scholarship have been set above the Scriptures to the extent that where reason or logic cannot grasp its message, it is then considered impossible, untrue, and unacceptable.

Under this approach the Bible is only considered a book written by men, and as such, subject to human errors, and therefore left up to the individual whether to accept or reject certain parts of it. How different from the reverent and awe-filled approach to the Bible being totally God's Word, which speaks divine truth to man in the manner of "Thus saith the Lord," and which is fully accepted and trusted. Failure to emphasize it in this spirit in churches and homes has resulted in the Bible declining in importance, and, in effect, becoming forgotten.

ACCEPTS AND BELIEVES THE MESSAGE

The Christian approach views the Bible as the Word of God completely, as being true and reliable. It sees in it the central truth of man's salvation from sin, his forgiveness and eternal life given freely by God for the sake of Jesus Christ, and through faith in Him. It accepts and believes the Bible message that by the death of Jesus on the cross of Calvary, man's sins are covered by His shed blood, paid for, and that by believing in Him as Saviour and Lord, man has the blessing of salvation. Faith is the means of receiving this blessing, but it is the Bible itself that carries the power for it. Paul says in Romans 1:16: "It is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

God has given the command to all Christians to tell the good news of Jesus Christ everywhere, to every one. Let it be the main task of all Christian people and churches to do this faithfully and sincerely, and the Bible will not be forgotten among us, either in its teachings, or in its rule over us. If we do, I believe, we will have the benefit of harmony, love, and peace, on earth, - and in eternity, the joys of God's heavenly Kingdom.

HORNBY

Anniversary greetings are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Whaley, who celebrated their wedding anniversary recently.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Brander who were married on Saturday, June 26th, at Eden United Church. Mrs. Brander was the former Gwen Rutledge. Rev. Wilbur Rogers of Bramalea, performed the double ring ceremony.

Birthday greetings are extended to little Matthew Clifford Brown, who celebrates his 3rd birthday, on July 2.

Part-Am Team

Berth for Nancy McCredie

Georgetown's Nancy McCredie will be a member of Canada's team at the Pan-Am Games.

On Saturday in Richmond, B.C., she tossed the shot put 47 ft., 7 1/4 inches to gain a place on the team, beating Vancouver's Joann Pavelich who scored 14.08 meters.

TRACK COACH
A Georgetown woman's grandson is on the coaching staff of the B.C. International track team.

Paul Potts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Potts of Brampton and grandson of Mrs. Emily Bessey, Kincaid apartments, coaches hurdles and sprints for the team.



Paul was a track star in high school in Kitchener.

Kinsmen Softball

JUNIOR GIRLS
Murray Motors 11
The Hunters 8

This was a good game with Murray Motors infield playing exceptionally well.

Debbie Borland and Catherine DeFueck making several good catches. Lynn Scarborough pitched and got the only home run in the game.

Debbie Borland was selected as Star.

Georgetown Cycle & Sports 12
Zenth Tool & Die 11.

Debbie Williams pitched this close game for Geo. Cycle & Sports and was picked as star along with Karen Johnson who scored the only homer.

Zenth Tool & Die were threatening when they scored 7 runs in the 6th innings.

Donna Ridley who pitched for Zenth was also chosen star.

Superior Foods 20
Shoptree 5 & 11, 00, 8

Only 5 innings were played in this game due to the number of runs with pitcher Wendy Bouskill selected as Star for her home run and good pitching.

Dairy Queen 16
Mardells Hairstyles 1

The Dairy Queen came through with another win this week badly beating Mardells with homers by Charlene Milton, Susan Mandarino and Leona McAusland.

Umpire John White selected Charlene Milton as game star although this was a real team effort.

Georgetown Upholstering 23
Caruso's Fruit Market 8

Sandra Kerby was chosen as star for Geo. Upholstering as she slammed in two home runs. Sharon Moores, Michele Brown and Alyson MacDonald each hit one.

Linda Middleton pitched for Caruso's with Marie Milne hitting their only homer in the 5th and was selected as their star.

Kinette Kruisers 20
Pauline's Flowers 11.

This was a close game until the 6th innings when the Kinette Kruisers put on the pressure and scored 9 runs.

Game star was 1st base player Wendy From for Pauline's Homers by Colleen Sunucks, Joan Howard and Sheila Ford.

SENIOR GIRLS
Cable Jets 20
Young's Pharmacy 15

Well Clete Jets finally made it with their first win of the schedule, scoring 11 runs in the 6th inning with Brenda Smith hitting a triple with the bases loaded.

Margo Butler was selected as star.

Blue Giant Equipment 20
H. Fuert Real Estate 14

Good defensive play was the key to the win for Blue Giant with 1st base player Connie Allen and right fielder Patty Styles playing real good ball.

Yvonne Bratkin hit two homers and Vicki Marshall and Elaine Washbourne each hitting one for the Giants.

Julia Phillips, Theresa Colloghan and Pam Bryon hitting one for Fuert's.

Leon's Hairstyles 21
Magnuson's Insurance 4

Pitcher Barb Currie was selected as star by the umpire with Lori Wild, Carolyn Barber and Shelley Bond hitting a homer each.

Ladies
Copeland's Esso Extras 10
Bartragers Cleaners 10

Second base player Donna Robbins played an excellent game putting several out on caught flies and hit 3 for 5 at bat. Jan Inglis also played her usual good game.

Sunnucks 11
Pete's Girls 9

Sunnucks scored 11 of their 14 runs in the first two innings and Pete's Girls just couldn't quite make the comeback, although they sure tried.

Game stars were pitcher Lorraine Godden and catcher Joanne Grant who played well, and also hit a homer in the second inning along with one by Pat Doucet.

The Ladies Teams are all tied up at this point in the schedule with 4 points each.

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Mark Cunningham, Billy Davis, St. Long Jump - Chris Rydeard, Ricky Fletcher, Jamie Andela.

50 yard Dash - Scott McMillan, Chris Rydeard, Jamie Andela.

BANTAM BOYS
High Jump - Tom Frost, Bruce Youmans, Martin Young, Long Jump - Chris Reed, Phil Jones, Tom Frost.

St. Long Jump - John Guppy, Chris Reed, Tom Frost.

50 yard Dash - John Guppy, Billy Wittekoek, Martin Young tied with Tom Frost.

100 yard Dash - John Guppy, Billy Wittekoek, Larry Woodstra.

BALL THROW - John Guppy, Billy Wittekoek, Larry Woodstra.

JUNIOR BOYS
High Jump - John Kranendonk, Leo Woodstra, Keith Guppy, Triple Jump - Paul Smith, Keith Guppy, John Kranendonk, Long Jump - Keith Guppy, Paul Smith, Barry Andela.

St. Long Jump - Keith Guppy, Paul Smith, John Kranendonk, 100 yard Dash - Keith Guppy, Paul Smith, John Lee, 220 yard Dash - Keith Guppy, Paul Smith, John Lee.

Ball Throw - Paul Smith, John Kranendonk, Keith Guppy.

Norval Public School placed 3rd at the Georgetown Field Day

with 87 points. Glen Williams School was first with 97 points and Park School placed second with 90 points.

Come to Church

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Windsor Road at Carole St.
Rev. Harold R. Patzer
9:45 a.m.: Sunday School
11:00 a.m.: Worship Service

Georgetown Alliance Church
(Evangelical)
Centennial Public School
Minister: D. J. Phillips
Telephone 877-9816
10 a.m. Sunday School (all classes)
11 a.m. Morning worship
7 p.m. Evening Service

Mountainview Baptist Church
Minister: Rev. W. R. Calrns
Organist: Mrs. W. Townsend
10 a.m. Church School
11 a.m. Morning Worship
7 p.m. Evening Fellowship
VISITORS WELCOME

Norval Presbyterian Church
Minister: Rev. H. D. Smith
10:00 a.m. Joint Service with St. Paul's United in Norval Presbyterian during month of July

Knox Presbyterian Church
Main and Church 877-2818
KNOX - ST. JOHN'S UNITED JOINT SUMMER SERVICES
July 4 - 11 A.M. (AT KNOX)
MINISTER: REV. R. SCRIVENS
NURSERY CARE

Georgetown Pentecostal Church
Main St. N. - Rev. Jack McCallum - 877-4878
10 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Morning Worship
7 p.m. - Evangelistic Service
Tuesday, 8 p.m. - Prayer and Ministry
Children's Church During Both Services

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Compete Then Eat at Norval's Field Meet

Norval Public School held their Field Day on Friday morning June 11th. At noon they enjoyed barbecued hot dogs and in the afternoon they held a "Fun Day" for all the children when they played games. The teachers were assisted in supervising the various games by many volunteers.

There was a three way tie for the outstanding girl athlete between Kelly Frost, Christine Pomeroy and Marilyn McMillan. Keith Guppy won the outstanding athlete award for the boys.

Winners of the various sports events were:

PEEWEE GIRLS
High Jump - Shuna Steele, Shirley Ostrander, Helen Zvanc.
Long Jump - Shirley Ostrander, Pamela Kaufman, Claudia Reid.
St. Long Jump - Shuna Steele, Claudia Reid, Lenore Newman.
50 yard Dash - Shirley Ostrander, Shuna Steele, Dianne Guppy.
Ball Throw - Shirley Ostrander, Helen Zvanc, Lenore Newman.

BANTAM GIRLS
High Jump - Jane Sanford, Laurie Guppy, Susan Ewen.
Long Jump - Jane Sanford, Janis Pomeroy, Susan Smith.
St. Long Jump - Jane Sanford, Susan Smith, Dawn Harrison.
50 yard Dash - Dawn Harrison, Janis Pomeroy, Jane Sanford.
100 yard Dash - Dawn Harrison, Janis Pomeroy, Cathy Woolham.
Ball Throw - Cathy Woolham, Julie Marshall, Jane Sanford.

JUNIOR GIRLS
High Jump - Christine Pomeroy, Kelly Frost, Marilyn McMillan.
Triple Jump - Marilyn McMillan, Kelly Frost, Christine Pomeroy.
Long Jump - Marilyn McMillan, Kelly Frost, Christine Pomeroy.
St. Long Jump - Christine Pomeroy, Marilyn McMillan, Kelly Frost.
Ball Throw - Christine Pomeroy, Kelly Frost, Marilyn McMillan.
100 yard Dash - Marilyn McMillan, Kelly Frost, Christine Pomeroy.
220 yard Dash - Kelly Frost, Christine Pomeroy, Marilyn McMillan.



IT'S CALLED CREWEL EMBROIDERY

Mrs Pat Dams of Terra Collin with samples of her crewel work. Mrs Dams had her crewel exhibit at the Show and Hobby Fair sponsored by the Georgetown Rug Hooking Guild recently. Mrs Dams and her daughter Jane demonstrated crewel embroidery and Batik at the show.

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