

Religion

The key is understanding God and His motives

The one thing that God desires more than anything else is that we glorify Him. ¹ He teaches us throughout the Bible that the focus of our attention must be toward Him. If we have "the mind of Christ Jesus" ² we will not always need a direct word from Him, but will want to glorify Him because we can see what He is trying to accomplish in our world.

To understand God is to understand His motives. We might ask, "Why does God allow wars, earthquakes, and famines?" It is obvious He has included

them in the plan for the ages because Jesus predicted they would become even more frequent prior to His return. ³ While we cannot play God or understand everything about Him, we do know God allows such catastrophes to take place when unbelieving man recognizes a power greater than his own. Only when human resources fail, we turn to God.

The lesson that man must humble himself before God is taught over and over again throughout the Bible. Time after time, when the children of Israel

HOPE FOR TOMORROW

with Doreen Palmer

failed to glorify their God, they ended up in trouble. Many times God raised up a foreign invader to war against them when they began to worship the gods of other nations. Each time they repented, got rid of the foreign gods, and worshiped their own God, victory was theirs. ⁴

Job, who had suffered much,

said, "The reverential and worshipful fear of the Lord - that is Wisdom." ⁵ He had learned not to blame God for his misfortunes, but to respect God's wisdom. When God reminded Job that He and He only had created the world and everything in it, and that He alone had power over life and death, Job finally admitted there was much about God he didn't understand. ⁶

Those of us who have had a kind father who disciplined us when we erred have no trouble feeling a reverential fear of the Lord. When our father spoke, we knew that he meant it, and we respected his authority. Those who have rebelled against unjust parental authority often rebel against their heavenly Father's

authority. Such people need human love before they can understand God's love and feel comfortable in His presence.

It has been said there are no atheists in foxholes, and neither are there atheists when a violent earthquake shakes the very earth under us. At such times, we realize that our Father in heaven is the only one who can help us, and we willingly fall on our knees and let Him be God!

Amp. V. - Mt 4:10; Rom 8:7; Mt 24:6-7; J'g 2:16-23; Job 28:28; Job 42:2-3

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Palmer responds to letter

Letter to the Editor:

I am responding to Mr. Yorke's letter re my column "Hope for Tomorrow."

You believe, Mr. Yorke, that I am anti-Semitic because on July 20 I stated "the very reason His own people crucified Him (Jesus) was because He claimed to be the Son of God (Jn. 19:7) and King of the Jews (Jn. 19:21). I agree that the Romans carried out the actual crucifixion, but the charge against Him and Demand for His death was from His own people (Jn. 18:29:40). Roman Catholics and Protestants both believe what the Bible says about this, but feel no antagonism whatever toward the Jew. In fact, Christians around the world strongly support the Jews today because of our common heritage, and because Jesus asks us to live and forgive everyone.

You asked about my qualifications for my beliefs. I hold a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wilfred Laurier University with a major in Religious Knowledge. I taught Sunday School for over 25 years and High School for 17 years. My greatest qualification is, however, a call from God on May 6, 1985, to "Comfort ye, comfort ye, My people." The comfort I have received in the many traumatic situations in my own life is the comfort I seek to pass on to others through my column published since 1986, and for which I ask no remuneration. It is to people like you, Mr. Yorke, to whom my column is directed, to those who have never heard the Good News that Jesus Christ loves them and ask only that they accept Him as their Lord!

Doreen Palmer

Obituary

John Marshall was quiet, hard working man

By KAY WILSON

Sincere sympathy

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of John Murray Marshall of Georgetown, formerly of Norval, who passed away at the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital on Friday, August 16, 1991. Beloved husband of the late Mildred Caseley, and loving father of Ross Marshall and his wife Beverley of Brantford, and Jean and her husband, David Harley of Georgetown. Loving grandfather of Steven Barnett and John and Robert Marshall. Predeceased by brothers Tom and Jim.

John Marshall, in his 87th year was a Norvalite for over 40 years. He had been retired to Georgetown for the last 12. John's parents died within two weeks of each other when he was only five years old. He was raised by his grandmother,

Norval news

Mrs. Tom (Jane) McMeekin.

John was a quiet man, well liked by all, and would never speak his mind, unless he had something good to say. Being brought up by his Gramma McMeekin, you could see how his character was moulded in those early childhood years. He worked for several oil and gas companies as a truck driver and always gave an honest day's work for any job he took on.

Friends were received at the J.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home, Georgetown on Sunday, August 18, 7-9 p.m. where funeral and committal service was held in the chapel on Monday, 2 p.m. Interment was in Hillcrest Cemetery, Norval. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated.

Princesses compete

Best wishes go out the Halton and Peel County Dairy Princesses who are competing at the CNE this weekend in the preliminaries of the Ontario Dairy Princess Competition.

Dawn Rowntree of Brampton competed Friday and Jennifer Livock of Milton will compete today (Saturday). The competition will take place in the Fraser Pavilion of the Coliseum at 6 p.m.

Following the three nights of preliminaries, with around 40 Princesses competing, the finals will be held in the main ring of the Coliseum on Tuesday, August 27.

Understanding the "NEW AGE"

James Beverly professor of Theology and Ethics at Ontario Theological Seminary speaking.

Professor Beverly lectures widely on New Religion Movements.

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6:30 p.m. Sunday

"All are welcome"

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Worship Service

WEEKDAY EVENTS

Wednesday Evening:

Youth & Adult Backyard

Bible Studies

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537 Main St. Glen Williams
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416-877-8323

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Sunday Services: 8 am, 10:30 am
Church School/Nursery: 10:30 am

Come join us - a warm welcome awaits you!

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FAMILY WORSHIP

with an active children's program
- nursery to teens

9:45 A.M.

Rev. Mary Campbell B.A., M. Div.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

9:45 a.m. Christian Education

11:00 a.m. FAMILY WORSHIP

6:30 P.M. Evening Praise

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Family Night

Friday 7:30 p.m. Youth Alive

Christian Reformed Church

Trafalgar Rd.

SUNDAY 10:00 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.

Rev. P. Stadt

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7:30 A.M. Hamilton CHAM 820

7:30 P.M. Burlington FM 108

9:00 P.M. Guelph CJOY 1460

and Mon.-Fri. Faith 20

5:30 A.M. Global TV Ch. 6 and 41

Ladies' Coffee Break Tues. 9:30 a.m.

(Sept. through May)

JOINT SUMMER SERVICES

Knox and Limehouse

Presbyterian Churches

and

St. John's United Church

of Georgetown

and Glen Williams

9:45 at Limehouse

11:00 a.m. Knox, Georgetown

Rev. Nancy Knox conducting

St. George's Anglican Church
60 Guelph St., Georgetown 877-8044

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

Thursdays 10:00 a.m.

Rector:

Rev. Thomas M.S. Kingston, B.A., B. Th.

Pastoral Archdeacon:

Ven. John H. McMulkin, B.A., S.T.B., D.D.

Acton Fall Fair

TENDERFLAKE SPECIAL

Enter the Tenderflake Special and pick up a free 1 lb. box of Tenderflake Lard at either the Acton A & B Foodland or Acton IGA Foodliner today. Limited supply. Please refer to this year's Acton Fall Fair Prize Book for details of this Special, sponsored by Canada Packers.

Your Week Ahead Horoscope

ARIES
Mar. 21-Apr. 19

Share your happy secret with one who will care the most. Set your sights on the impossible and don't be afraid to go for them.

TAURUS
Apr. 20-May 20

Good time for shopping. Those household items that you have been wanting will be within your reach. Don't worry about finances.

GEMINI
May 21-June 20

Do not procrastinate any longer in love or business. Those opportunities will not be waiting for you forever.

CANCER
June 21-July 22

Time to repay past kindness. Invite friends for dinner, visit one who is shut-in, write to those you miss.

LEO
July 23-Aug. 22

A young person confides in you. Try not to be too judgmental. Do not offer advice unless he or she asks for it.

VIRGO
Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Postpone that project or trip that you have been planning. Signs indicate that you will be disappointed if you follow through.

LIBRA
Sept. 23-Oct. 22

A minor problem will escalate if you do not take matters into hand immediately. Family and friends will offer support.

SCORPIO
Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Unusual experience will result in unexpected bonus. Take time to enjoy your new rewards and be generous with others.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Take your time about making an important decision. It is important that you choose wisely in order to grow mentally.

CAPRICORN
Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Unhappy memories keep you from moving forward. Eliminate these painful reminders; join philanthropic organizations, stay busy.

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Keep personal problems to yourself. Burdening others with your dilemmas will not alleviate the situation. Be patient.

PISCES
Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Get away from work and all the problems it has created. Socialize, travel, enjoy camaraderie of good friends.



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