

LIKE BLIND MEN

Ed Smihson

“And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against Jehovah; and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as dung.”
(Zeph. 1:17)

How would you walk like a blind man? Not very well! Many see blind people walking and admire how well they get along, and marvel at their ability. But they do not take into consideration they have been doing this a long time.

It was in the last days of the Israelites and Josiah was King of Judah. It is the kind of judgment God is going to bring upon the sons of Judah. The judgment on them is they will walk like blind. All a person has to do to know what this is like is to be blindfolded and try to walk around. They cannot see the dangers approaching them. Without help they wander around not knowing where they are going. It is a pitiable thing to be subject to such.

Why was all this to happen? Because they had sinned against God and did not obey his word. In the New Dispensation God does not deal with people in these harsh ways. Their judgment will come when all shall stand before Him.

Men may escape such a judgment here on earth but their judgment will come and it will be far worse than anything they could imagine. Like blind men a lot of folks are walking around oblivious of what is awaiting them at judgment. “And be not afraid of them that kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.” (Matt. 10:28) “...it is good for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell; where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.” (Mark 9:47-48)



| Free At Last

David Bragg

On July 3, 1776 John Adams wrote in a letter to his wife, Abigail, “Yesterday the greatest question was decided which ever was debated in America; and a greater perhaps never was, nor will be, decided among men. A resolution was passed without one dissenting colony, “that these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States.”” Mr. Adams would later become the second president of these great United States of America. Ours is a nation built on freedom.

Although highly prized, and rightly so, the freedom we experience is incomplete at best. Laws, statues and the rights of others limit our freedoms. As citizens we possess the right to run after “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness” but no guarantees of acquiring these baubles of democracy.

True freedom can only be found in Jesus Christ. In Him we find rights and privileges of which we cannot be deprived. We find peace and hope that cannot be stripped from us. In Jesus we find salvation that will last forever. From the haven of Christ the true believer can truly celebrate, “Free at Last!”

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*You are LOVED
and you are in our
prayers!*



Tree Dahlia

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. (John 1:1-5)

MEETING UPON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK

Bible Classes..... 9:00 A.M.
Assemblies..... 10:00 A.M. & 5:00 P.M.

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WEDNESDAY

Bible Class, Singing, & Prayer..... 6:30 P.M.

Welcome

Good Morning Brothers and Sisters!



This Week's Sermon's

A.M. - Influence / Reputation

P.M. - Respector of Persons



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"TO THE OCEANS, WHITE WITH FOAM"

Raymond Elliott

During our family gatherings on Saint Simons Island, Georgia, it has been my habit to arise early in the mornings and walk on the beach down to the pier and the village where I would buy a cup of coffee, eat breakfast and read the daily newspaper. Being from the hill country of northwest Georgia I am still fascinated by the appearance of the Atlantic Ocean. When the tide comes in the waves would hit the rocks and splash over them. The white caps were beautiful. Often I would express my deepest gratitude to God for His marvelous creation. Both the heavens and the earth with its seas declare the glory of God (Psalms 19). The book of nature indeed proves that there is a Supreme Architect who designed this universe (Romans 1:20). Though not a world traveler I have seen some of the beauties of our country with its mountains in the southeast and in the western part of our nation, the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean. With all the faults that exist in our United States of America I do believe as a citizen that we live in the greatest nation on earth.

The pilgrims and early settlers sought freedom to worship God in this new land while settlers in the South American countries sought gold. Our governmental leaders possessed a faith in the Creator of the universe. There is no doubt but that the Lord God has richly blessed this land and its people. The wise man declared that "Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34). While sin and disbelief have always been in existence, our modern day society has strayed greatly from a faith in God and from His moral standard for human conduct. Atheism is growing daily; sexual perversion is common place; dishonesty and corruption are widely accepted and exist among many of our political and civic leaders; the killing of unborn children is considered acceptable since it is legal; adultery is prevalent among marriage partners and fornication among teens and adults abounds nationwide. Man has become a law unto himself (Judges 21:25). The Word of God is no longer reverend even among some religious groups.

The blood of thousands of our men and women who have fought for our country and our freedom flows like a mighty river; yet, we are using this freedom to destroy the



moral fiber of our people. It has become a license to do as we please without considering what God would have us to be as a nation of people. Eventually we will reap as we have been sowing (Galatians 6:7, 8). It is most important that we give heed to the following warnings: "The wicked shall be turned into hell, And all the nations that forget God" and "Now consider this, you who forget God, Lest I tear you in pieces" (Psalm 9:17; 50:22). The story is told about a student who wanted to fool his professor in some way. He held a bird in his hand and asked the professor, "What do I have in my hand?" The professor replied, "It is a bird." The student asked, "What color is it?" "It is a red bird" answered the professor. Then the student asked, "Is it dead or alive?" The wise old professor said, "The power of life or death is in your hand?" The power to revive faith in God and His standard of morals and ethics is in our hands. May the lyrics of the beautiful song 'God Bless America' written by Irving Berlin ever be our desire, hope and prayer.

God Bless America

"While the storm clouds gather far across the sea, Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free, Let us all be grateful for a land so fair, As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer. " God Bless America, Land that I love. Stand beside her, and guide her Thru the night with a light from above. From the mountains, to the prairies, To the oceans, white with foam God bless America, My home sweet home.:

"Man does not rule over evil except when he refuses to do it. When he has truly done evil, he is its servant." — Hildegard of Bingen

Announcements

1. Brother David will be giving the invitation this Wednesday evening.
2. Wednesday - Study of the book of Romans Chapter 4 #1.
~ On the Prayer list ~

All our Families here at Alisal - for spiritual growth and good health.
Norma, Rose & Kerry- for peace of mind, healing, and better health.
David from Morro Bay - for healing from his transplants and stroke.
Path Star - for contunued healing from hip replacement surgery and a cracked femur.(only 2% of suffer a cracked femur).

Have a blessed week!