

Devotional From Charles Spurgeon

“Behold, if the leprosy have covered all his flesh, he shall pronounce him clean that hath the plague.”

Leviticus 13:13

Strange enough this regulation appears, yet there was wisdom in it, for the throwing out of the disease proved that the constitution was sound. This evening it may be well for us to see the typical teaching of so singular a rule. We, too, are lepers, and may read the law of the leper as applicable to ourselves. When a man sees himself to be altogether lost and ruined, covered all over with the defilement of sin, and in no part free from pollution; when he disclaims all righteousness of his own, and pleads guilty before the Lord, then he is clean through the blood of Jesus, and the grace of God. Hidden, unfelt, unconfessed iniquity is the true leprosy; but when sin is seen and felt, it has received its deathblow, and the Lord looks with eyes of mercy upon the soul afflicted with it. Nothing is more deadly than self-righteousness, or more hopeful than contrition. We must confess that we are “nothing else but sin,” for no confession short of this will be the whole truth; and if the Holy Spirit be at work with us, convincing us of sin, there will be no difficulty about making such an acknowledgment—it will spring spontaneously from our lips. What comfort does the text afford to truly awakened sinners: the very circumstance which so grievously discouraged them is here turned into a sign and symptom of a hopeful state! Stripping comes before clothing; digging out the foundation is the first thing in building—and a thorough sense of sin is one of the earliest works of grace in the heart. O thou poor leprous sinner, utterly destitute of a sound spot, take heart from the text, and come as thou art to Jesus—

“For let our debts be what they may, however great or small, As soon as we have nought to pay, our Lord forgives us all.”

’Tis perfect poverty alone that sets the soul at large:

While we can call one mite our own, we have no full discharge.”

News Bites

Convert Released

After intense diplomatic pressure last week, authorities released Afghani Christian Said Musa, who had been in prison for nearly nine months on charges of apostasy (leaving Islam), punishable by death under Islamic law. Another convert, however, remains in prison. A source in Afghanistan said that the 46-year-old Musa (alternately spelled Sayyed Mussa) was released last week and had left the country on Monday (Feb. 21), but the date of his release was not clear.

Pirates Kill 4 Americans

Somali pirates have killed four Americans distributing Bibles around the world. The yacht Quest was hijacked last Friday off the coast of Oman. Those killed were yacht owners Jean and Scott Adam from Southern California. Along with the Adams were two other passengers, Phyllis Mackay and Bob Riggie. The Adams have been sailing the world since 2004 distributing bibles

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Upcoming Things...

Woman’s Prayer Breakfast – Our Next one will be on Saturday, March 12th at 9:00a.m. We ask that each lady bring a brunch style dish to share. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

Quotes

“Faith and obedience are inescapably related. There is no saving faith in God apart from obedience to God, and there can be no godly obedience without godly faith.”

-John MacArthur (1939-)

“I believe the holier a man becomes, the more he mourns over the unholiness which remains in him.”

-C.H. Spurgeon (1834-1892)



One message you never want to receive from God is, 'I told you so'!