

SCRIPTURE: Numbers 11:18-20

1. "Sanctify yourselves against tomorrow." Num. 11:18 Two things involved:
1. GOD'S TREATMENT OF SELF-WILL
    1. One of the great ends of God's dealings with us is to establish his holy, wise, and righteous will with us in place of our low, jealous, ignorant self-will.
      - (1) The way and end of parents dealing with their children is to curb and restrain them at once.
    2. Self-will always breaks out in complaints and the bulk of men will only learn by experience.
      - (1) The prodigal son must know the end of riotous living for himself. No one could turn him from his course. Luke 15:11-32
  2. GOD'S TEST OF SELF-CONTROL
    1. God gave the quails not for one day's luxury, but to be the food for a month: A month of days.
    2. These quails were given, but there was no obligation to eat them. Every Israelite was free to refuse. LESSONS:
      - (1) A timely repentance, and no doubt that another wind would have blown away the quails as rapidly as they came.
      - (2) There was a lesson for the Israelites if they would but learn it, from the submissive birds to rebellious human beings. (The should submit themselves to God)
2. CONDITIONS ABOUT US TODAY
1. God is saluted, not often consulted, and less often obeyed.
  2. We are brilliant but unhappy.
  3. We are clever but unstable.
  4. We are comfortable but comfortless.
  5. We own so much and possess so little.
  6. INDIVIDUAL MAN SEEMS TO BE GIVING AWAY TO MASS MAN:
    1. Man the individual, with an immortal individual soul, is yielding everywhere to collectivized man.
    2. Man is yielding to collectivized prayers in the church forgetting that "the effectual fervent prayer of the righteous man (individual man) availeth much." James 5:16
      - (1) Prayers in the church are in order but such prayers alone will not take the place of the private prayers of the individual man.
    3. Wherever you look mass man is encroaching on individual man.
  7. REGIMENTATION THE RESULT OF MASS MAN.
    1. Under regimentation the motion picture dictates our styles and sometimes, if not nearly all the time, our morals,
    2. Book clubs select our reading for us. The news analyst provides us with pre-masticated, and often intentionally slanted ideas.
    3. We do our business with a chain store and chain banks, and constantly live under a dictatorship of psychological pressure
  8. REGIMENTATION AND ITS AFFECT UPON CHRISTIANITY
    1. Spontaneous Christianity, or the love for Christ, that will lead the individual Christian up and down the street of his immediate neighborhood, into the highways and the byways, to do good and to save lost souls has just about disappeared under regimentation
    2. In his book, AMERICA'S SPIRITUAL RECOVERY, Howard Elson described present day Christianity in these words: "We follow preachers who hawk formulas for banishing worry and fear and tension while the prophets of God with their painful judgments requiring repentance, go unheeded."
    3. We are spending millions of dollars to probe outer space and seemingly have not concern at all as to inner space, in this instance the mind of man and man's spiritual welfare.
    4. Under regimentation services to human lives, such services having had their inception in religious faith and were motivated by the religious spirit, no longer have specific relation to religion at all.
      1. The sick man has simply become "the case in room 1506."
      2. Those in need are cared for by a dole from the government.



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The practical man would know the end of riotous living for himself. He can...  
and his own his course. Luke 13:32

THE TEST OF THE QUALITY

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quality as readily as they came. (2) There was a lesson for the Israelites if they would but learn it, from the...  
relative birds to rebellious human beings. (The would attack themselves to...)

THE QUALITY OF THE GIFT

It was not a gift of an individual, but of an individual, and less often...  
We are often told that we are...  
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3. THE END RESULT...OUR PROBLEM Under regimentation:
- \* 1. He has weak loyalty to his family, his community, Christianity, and to his fellowman.
  - \* 2. His concepts of right and wrong are hazy.
  - 3. Opportunism is easy for him. (OPPORTUNISM: Taking advantage of present circumstances and conditions with little regard for principles or ultimate consequences.)
  - 4. He underestimates his own worth and his own strength and his ability to survive.
  - 5. He is largely ignorant of social values and conflicts.....
  - \* 6. He fails to appreciate the meaning of, and necessity for, any form of discipline.
  - 7. He resents hardship and sacrifice of any description, as if these things were unreasonable and unfair to him personally.
  - 8. HOW DOES THIS SOUND?
    - 1. Does it read like a case worker's report on a delinquent, or a report on a troublesome prison inmate, or notes on a patient in a mental institution?
    - 2. This is a cold blooded, synthesized report of some American soldiers captured during the Korean War, and addressed to the Chief of Intelligence of the People's Republic of China. This report tells us somethings of the background out of which these soldiers came. (These reports were captured by our own forces)
4. ATTITUDES OF HOMES...PARENTS REPRESENTED. In attitude they are three:
- 1. Parents who are already aware that our present culture is forcing the American family into a new and undesirable pattern, and are trying to do something about it.
  - 2. There are other parents who are disturbed by present conditions but they are uncertain what, if anything, fathers and mothers can do to better the situation.
  - 3. There is the third group of parents who are aware of the situation, but oblivious in all matters of responsibility and who, seemingly do not care. What such parents have done:
    - 1. They have abdicated their rightful position as managers of their children's lives.
    - 2. Because of ignorance, inertia, or wish they have assigned education and discipline of their children to the schools.
    - 3. All recreation and skills for their children have been assigned to youth groups.
    - 4. They resigned all ethical guidance and spiritual teaching to the Sunday school.
5. WHAT TODAY'S PARENTS CAN DO THAT WILL HELP TOMORROW'S ADULTS.
- 1. First, I would like to say that the answer does not lie in merely condemning our society, or in dissociating ourselves from it. We have got live in our society. IN CONNECTION WITH THESE SUGGESTIONS READ IN ORDER THOUGHTS UNDER END RESULTS:
    - \* 1. Who other than his parents in the home could have opened his mind to concern, his heart to compassion, his will to welfare, by setting him an example by being accountable themselves.
    - \* 2. Close contact with parents of integrity would have taught him objective principles of good upon which living with oneself and with others must be founded if existence is to be wholesome and significant.
      - (1) His parents should have taught him that expediency, when used as conducive to special advantage rather than what is universally right, is a cheap doctrine for weaklings.
      - (2) With such a back ground could it now be said that, "Opportunism is easy for him?"
    - \* 6. Surrounded by the love and example of his family, he could have found out that every one must accept limitations, must co-operate with right order, must undergo denial, self-discipline, self-control, not "just because" but as a vital, necessary part of spiritual growth.
      - (1) In this kind of a school he would have graduated to a pattern of self-discipline, for he would have learned in his home training that only the self-controlled person, who has himself well in hand, can function under stress, can realize fully his potential.



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