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“As He Thinks in His Heart”

Michael W. McLemore

In Matthew’s gospel Jesus said, “For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone,” Matthew 15:19-20. Much is said regarding the sinful behavior of people in general that we sometimes fail to observe the origin of every sinful act. Jesus reminds us sin begins in the heart.

The Bible is a remarkable book in that it condemns both the sin and the thought that produces the sin. Solomon said, “Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life,” Proverbs 4:23. Again, he observed of the matter, “For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he,” Proverbs 23:7 KJV.

These statements reveal that we ourselves are the sum total of our thinking. We have heard “You are what you eat!” The solution? Resolve to eat wholesome and healthy food. But, what is good for the body is also good for the soul. Mentally and spiritually “We are what we think!”

Jesus does not divorce thinking from action. As He did, we would do well to do the same. The thought is the seed which, when planted, produces the action. No one would plant the “germ of cancer,” if such existed, in the body purposefully. We have all witnessed the horrors of Cancer. We have seen the pain, suffering and loss it has brought to the lives of men, women and families that we love. Yet, some think little or nothing of planting the ideas and thoughts of the indecent in their own minds, or even the minds of their children, in the programming streaming from our televisions and computers. Too many suppose this may be done without harm. It is not so. If the mind is kept pure, then the body and its activities will be pure. If it is defiled, it will not be long before the body and its activities will be just as defiled.

Our Lord struck at the tap-root of sin when he admonished our thoughts, which, though they may be private on the surface, are known and read of God as surely as any overt act could ever be. □



The Plumb Line in the Hand

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Five hundred years before Jesus was born, Judah returned from exile to find Jerusalem in total desolation. The Temple was in ruins. Zerubbabel the governor, wasted no time in leading the nation to lay the foundation upon which the restored Temple would rest. Opposition, mockery, discouragement, and the distractions of life in an utter wasteland brought the work that once began in enthusiasm to a halt. For fourteen years the Temple work-site lay dormant.

God inspired the Prophets Haggai and Zechariah to begin to speak. Haggai chided

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the distracted nation, “Thus says the Lord of hosts: These people say the time has not yet come to rebuild the house of the Lord.” Then the word of the Lord came by the hand of Haggai the prophet, “Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins?” Haggai 1:2-4. Zechariah, began to speak words that pierced Zerubbabel and filled him with new hope. “This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts. Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain. And he shall bring forward the top stone amid shouts of ‘Grace, grace to it!’” Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying, “The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation

of this house; his hands shall also complete it,” Zechariah 4:6-9.

Perhaps the next words from Zechariah are the most poignant, “For whoever has despised the day of small things shall rejoice, and shall see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel,” Zechariah 4:10. When Zerubbabel takes up the plumb line, the nation will be reinvigorated for the work.

Too often our own efforts are held up to scorn by critics. We are weakened in discouragement and in that declining condition we are easily distracted. Instead we turn to work that is more personal and not subject to ridicule. Life tends to go on until we look back and realize that years of spiritual dormancy have resulted. What do we do?

Pick up “the plumb line” and start. Now. Today. God will take that small thing and multiply its sufficiency. Remember, Moses’ rod that budded and delivered a nation; the jawbone of a donkey that killed a thousand Philistine oppressors in Samson’s hand; David’s one smooth stone, though four were in reserve, that brought down Goliath; the bit of meal and fraction of oil that sustained a widow and her guest in famine; and the five loaves and two fish that fed thousands by Jesus’ power.

It is not uncommon to feel weak, insignificant and incapable. Let the words of Zechariah spur our memory of how our God works, “Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts.” Reflect on your discarded dreams; take “the plumb line in the hand” and watch the Lord multiply the faithful effort. □



FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:
Carol Risner remains in Crestwood hospital. She is being treated for pneumonia. She is very weak. At the age of 93 this presents many challenges and additional concerns for her recovery. Your prayers for her, **Jim** and family are solicited and appreciated.
Ken Cavender will be having a procedure to address the issue with his kidney shortly. Your prayers for him are appreciated. We are happy that the new approach in treating **Glenda's** condition is now underway. We are prayerful that this will help her.

Betty Reavis' PET Scan was very encouraging. She is scheduled for three more Chemo treatments over the next few weeks. All in all her doctor was most hopeful in their meeting with him last week. "Thank you for your pray-

A Note From Melonie Power

"How beautiful the love I have received, not just on that first critical morning when I rededicated my life to Christ, but each and every day since! ...how grateful I am to be your friend and especially your sister in Christ!"
 Love, Melonie

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



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| 2-11 | Aaron Gore | 2-13 | Julie Guice |
| 2-14 | Brennan Ivey | 2-15 | Glenda Cavender |
| 2-15 | Hilda Wright | 2-17 | Olivia Holland |
| 2-27 | Penny Hill | 2-28 | Virginia Skinner |

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Moments of Decision

Michael W. McLemore

"Let my people go!" It must have sounded like a ridiculous demand. After all, it came from the mouth of a man who had spent the last 40 years in exile, living in a tent as a simple shepherd. Ordering the most powerful ruler in any direction for a thousand miles to release his entire slave workforce was laughable.

But, after God's series of plagues was summoned, it wasn't so ridiculous anymore. The Egyptian Pharaoh and his entire nation pled for Moses and the Israelites to go and to go, quickly. With only a shepherd's staff and his faith in God Moses plundered Egypt and led Israel to freedom.

We live in a culture that is largely driven by logic, opinion and emotion. The chosen life of faith in God sounds like a ridiculous thing to contemporary society. It seems unreasonable to a "sophisticated world." Even God's people are tempted to succumb to that carnal view.

Four times in Hebrews 11:23-28 the Holy Spirit reminds God's people of the motivation which drove the critical moments of decision in Moses' lifetime - "By faith...." Electing to live by faith may lead to being misjudged, but what is more rational than allowing an all-powerful God to direct us in moments of decision? ☐

WEEKLY WALK

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TIMES OF SERVICES

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| Sunday Bible Classes | 9:00 am |
| Sunday AM Assembly | 10:00 am |
| Sunday PM Assembly | 5:00 pm |
| Wednesday Classes | 7:00 pm |

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Weatherly's Deacons

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| Phil Furlough | Steve Hagewood |
| Ron Harmon | Kirk Hatcher |
| David Jacks | Ben Little |
| Hill Roberts | Collis Terry |
| Bobby Wright | |

Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, February 10

Welcome: Forest Summers
Song Leader: Hill Roberts
Opening Prayer: Phil Furlough
Scripture Reading: Jim Ehl
Romans 4:1-12
Sermon: Michael McLemore
"Believe in Your Heart"
Closing Prayer: Steve Hagewood

Sunday, February 17

Welcome: Forest Summers
David Jacks
Ben Little
Phillip Dill
Psalm 51:1-12
Michael McLemore
"Power of a Guilty Conscience"
Gene Preston

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz Hill Roberts
Songs Leader: Hill Roberts
Opening Prayer: Marty Hunt
Closing Prayer: Jimmy Harbin

Evening Worship

Jared Jimison
David Jacks
Collis Terry
W.D. Patrick

Wednesday, February 13

Songs Leader: Bill Thompson
Invitation: Jared Jimison
Closing Prayer: Forest Summers

Wednesday, February 20

Mike Coward
Ben Little
Louis Garrett

Group 2

2019 Weatherly Lectures May 2-5

"Living in Christ"
Jason Moore, Gary Patton & Eric Reynolds

Group 3

Quarterly Adult Classes January - March 2019

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY
 Fulfilled Prophecy
Steve Hagewood

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY
 Hebrews: Don't Go Back!
Mike McLemore

Serving in February

Serving on the Lord's Table AM ** Overseer	Dwight Ivey Wes Caudle Gene Preston Tommy Hill **	Marty Hunt Ron Holland Phil Shaver Jerry Mitchell
Lord's Supper PM	Kirk Hatcher **	Jim Risner
Communion Prep Building Lockup	Phyllis Harmon, Susan Hand & Ellie Ron Harmon	

