

2007 Proclaimer

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, .. to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord!" - Isa.61:1-2

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YOU ARE AN INFLUENCE...

by Vern Wilson

TO WHOM? FOR WHAT? There's not any question but that you're the very cause of some people doing and being just what they are! They've heard your words, or watched your actions or listened to your teaching, or maybe just "heard about" you from someone else ~ but the fact is, you have affected other people!

THIS IS NOT TO SAY that the results have always been GOOD! It depends on you and the other people as well. And, even though you may SAY and DO all the right things, they are also perceived in light of the **attitude** you manifest with them! And if an unholy attitude accompanies righteous actions and words, success is far from being assured! And no matter how much good you may say and do ~ even with a right attitude ~ the other person still has control of his life and decision-making, and he may yield to the other influences that are brought to bear. SO, there just are NO guarantees, are there? AND, try as hard as you may, some child of the devil may be working harder on a particular friend and you lose the result you wanted to have; or the friend may still be pursuing certain lusts that would keep him from your desire for him; or, he may not understand enough yet, or he may just need some more of your good influence!

ALL OF THIS to help us understand that we don't know exactly when to draw a line of "dismissal" and start spending our time and efforts in more productive veins! "I already knew that! So, what's the point?" The point is simply we must not give up so long as there is time and opportunity to win a soul for Christ! **Is that clear? DON'T STOP!** Remember to persevere for the Lord's cause just as we do with our personal pursuits. If we don't par the first hole; if we strike out our first "at bat"; if we don't catch a fish on our first cast ~ we just keep on trying, don't we. Shouldn't we be as persistent for the Lord's cause, and our friend's needs? "30"

The History of Memorial Day

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day because it was a time set aside to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868, to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former sailors and soldiers. On May 5, 1868, Logan declared in General Order No. 11 that:

The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

During the first celebration of Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried in the cemetery.

This 1868 celebration was inspired by local observances of the day in several towns throughout America that had taken place in the three years since the Civil War. In fact, several Northern and Southern cities claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day, including Columbus, Miss.; Macon, Ga.;

Richmond, Va.; Boalsburg, Pa.; and Carbondale, Ill.

In 1966, the federal government, under the direction of President Lyndon Johnson, declared Waterloo, N.Y., the official birthplace of Memorial Day. They chose Waterloo—which had first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866—because the town had made Memorial Day an annual, community-wide event during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

By the late 1800s, many communities across the country had begun to celebrate Memorial Day and, after World War I, observances also began to honor those who had died in all of America's wars. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated the last Monday in May. (Veterans Day, a day set aside to honor all veterans, living and dead, is celebrated each year on November 11.)

Today, (presently) Memorial Day is celebrated at Arlington National Cemetery with a ceremony in which a small American flag is placed on each grave. Also, it is customary for the president or vice-president to give a speech honoring the contributions of the dead and lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. About 5,000 people usually attend the annual ceremony annual.

Several Southern states continue to set aside a special day for honoring the Confederate dead, which is usually called Confederate Memorial Day.

VENGEANCE IS MINE

"Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, 'Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,' says the Lord.

Therefore 'If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." (Rom 12: 19-21)

"In the days of the American Revolutionary War there lived at Ephrata, Pennsylvania, a preacher by the name of Peter Miller who enjoyed the friendship of General Washington. There also dwelt in that town one Michael Wittman, an evil-minded man who did all in his power to abuse and oppose this preacher. One day Michael Wittman was involved in treason and was arrested and sentenced to death. The old preacher started out on foot and walked the whole seventy miles to Philadelphia to plead for this man's life. He was admitted into Washington's presence and at once begged for the life of the traitor.

Washington said, "No, Peter, I cannot grant you the life of your friend." The preacher exclaimed, "My friend? He is the bitterest enemy I have!" Washington cried, "What? You've walked seventy miles to save the life of an enemy? That puts the matter in a different light. I will grant the pardon." And he did.

Peter Miller took Michael Wittman from the very shadow of death back to his own home in Ephrata -- no longer as an enemy, but as a friend."

---"The Grace of Giving" by Stephen Olford)

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LEST WE FORGET! ~ LEST WE FORGET!

Psalms 72:8-11; Jer 34:1-5

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Great Britain's armed services have won many battles, followed by great celebrations!
- B. The "Recessional," by Kipling, on occasion of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.
 - 1. The poem had an underlying sadness that the British Empire might go into oblivion.
 - 2. Kipling recognized that boasting was vain in light of his faith in God's dominion/

I. WE'RE WARNED TO "NOT FORGET," BUT MOSTLY WE'RE TO REMEMBER!

- A. WHAT are we supposed to remember?
 - 1. To remember God, our Benefactor and Keeper! Psa 9:17
 - 2. To remember the things God has shown us! Deut 4:9
 - 3. REMEMBER OUR CREATOR! Eccl 12:1
 - 4. Keep reminding one another of God's truths! 2 Pet 1:15
 - 5. REMEMBER THE WORDS THAT ENLIGHTENED YOU! 2 Pet 3:1
- B. Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget ~ Lest we forget!

II. WE KNOW THE LORD HAS INSTITUTED "MEMORIALS," TO HELP US NOT FORGET!

- A. God's people have had memorials as reminders of "heritage services" to God.
 - 1. The rainbow is in the sky to remember God's promise given in Gen 9:15-16.
 - 2. They were to remember to KEEP the SABBATH of the LORD! Exod 20:8-9; Deut 5:12ff
- B. God blessed the Hebrews through Abraham, and their deliverance from Egypt! Deut 16:12
- C. Jews were saved by Esther's, & the feast of Purim was set as a remembrance Esth 9:28
- D. REMEMBER, we were allowed to be in His family ~ Eph 2:11-14; Rom 6:3-5
- E. We remember the DBR of Jesus in partaking the LORD'S SUPPER: Luke 22:19-20

III. LEST WE FORGET! ~ WHAT SHOULD WE REMEMBER?

- A. FIRST, we MUST NOT FORGET our own human frailties!
 - 1. Psa 39:4; 1 Pet 1:24; Job 14:1-2; Job 7:6-7; Jas 4:13-15.
 - 2. LORD GOD OF HOSTS, be with us yet; Lest we forget, Lest we forget!
- B. Our LORD died for us to take away our sins! Jno 3:16; Jno 14:6; Matt 11:28; Rom 5:8-9
 - 1. LEST WE FORGET ~ we go through a "figure" of this at baptism. Rom 6:3-4
 - 2. LEST WE FORGET ~ taking the Lord's Supper is honoring His DBR ~ Acts 20:7
 - 3. LEST WE FORGET ~ we are not our own, but were bought with His own BLOOD!
 - 3. LORD GOD OF HOSTS, be with us yet; LEST WE FORGET, LEST WE FORGET!
1 Cor 6:19-20; Gal 2:20; Rom 6:12-13; 2 Cor 5:14-15.
- C. Our LIFE, our BODY, our SPIRIT, is not our own. 1 Cor 6:19-20; Gal 2:20; Rom 6:12-13;
 - 1. We were Purged/ Purified/ Justified/ Sanctified/
 - 2. TO DO HIS SERVICE must be among the top PRIORITIES in our lives!
 - 3. TO BE MORE LIKE HIM should be our greatest desire!
 - 4. TO LIVE WITH HIM ETERNALLY must be the motivating force in our life!
 - 5. Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet ~ Lest we forget! Lest we forget!

IN SUMMARY:

- A. May the Lord God in heaven help us to remember Him ~
- B. To LIVE FOR HIM here on earth we must follow the PLAN and maintain our relationship
- C. The Bible is given to us so we can keep studying, to know of our responsibilities to God.
- D. The tumult and the shouting dies; The Captains and the Kings depart;
Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice, An humble and a contrite heart.
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget ~ lest we forget!

Recessional" is a poem by [Rudyard Kipling](#), which he composed on the occasion of [Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee](#) in [1897](#). The poem expresses pride in the [British Empire](#), but also an underlying sadness that the Empire might go the way of all previous empires. Kipling recognizes that boasting and [jingoism](#) - faults of which he was often accused - were inappropriate and vain in light of [God's](#) dominion over the world. **Jer 34:1-5**

GOD of our fathers, known of old, Lord of our far-flung battle line,
Beneath whose awful hand we hold Dominion over palm and pine-
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget-lest we forget!

The tumult and the shouting dies; The Captains and the Kings depart;
Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice, An humble and a contrite heart.
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget-lest we forget!

Far-called our navies melt away; On dune and headland sinks the fire;
Lo, all our pomp of yesterday Is one with Nineveh and Tyre!
Judge of the Nations, spare us yet, Lest we forget-lest we forget!

If, drunk with sight of power, we loose Wild tongues that have not Thee in awe,
Such boastings as the Gentiles use, Or lesser breeds without the Law-
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget-lest we forget!