

The Bible on His Tongue

"Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day" (Psalm 119:97). "Great peace have those who love Your law, and nothing causes them to stumble" (Psalm 119:165). A man in Kansas City was severely injured in an explosion. The victim's face was badly disfigured, and he lost his eyesight as well as both hands. He was a new Christian, and one of his greatest disappointments was that he could no longer read the Bible. Accordingly, he heard about a lady in England who read braille with her lips. Hoping to do the same, he sent for some books of the Bible in braille. Much to his dismay, however, he discovered that the nerve endings in his lips had been destroyed by the explosion. One day, as he brought one of the braille pages to his lips, his tongue happened to touch a few of the raised characters and he could feel them. Like a flash he thought, I can read the Bible using my tongue. At the time Robert Sumner wrote of him in his book, the man had "read" through the entire Bible four times. This man's marvelous example inspires us to do better in the reading of God's holy word.

A Gloomy Moment for This Country

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:6-7). "It is a gloomy moment in the history of our country. Not in the lifetime of most men has there been so much grave and deep apprehension; never has the future seemed so incalculable as at this time. The domestic economic situation is in chaos. Our dollar is weak throughout the world. Prices are so high as to be utterly impossible. The political cauldron seethes and bubbles with uncertainty. It is a solemn moment of our troubles. No man can see the end." I suppose some might agree that the above is a true picture of today. However, it was first published in Harper's Weekly in October 1857. Let us not let the troubles and problems of today discourage us, but in everything pray to God. He will guard our hearts and give us peace.

My Child

I've often heard your question. This is my answer:

You are concerned about the hungry in the world, millions who are starving, and you ask, "What can I do?" Feed one.

You grieve for all the unborn children murdered every day, and you ask, "What can I do?" Save one.

You're haunted by the homeless poor who wander city streets, and you ask: "What can I do?" Shelter one.

You feel compassion for those who suffer pain, sorrow and despair, and you ask: "What can I do?" Comfort one.

Your heart goes out to the lonely, the abused and the imprisoned, and you ask: "What can I do?" Love one.

Remember this, My child, two thousand years ago the world was filled with those in need, just as it is today, and when the helpless and the hopeless called out to Me for mercy, I sent a Savior. Hope began with only one!

Pride of the Fleet

"Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall" (Prov. 16:18). The following is a radio transmission between a US naval ship and Canadian authorities off the coast of Newfoundland. The Americans: "Please divert your course 15 degrees to the north to avoid a collision." The Canadians: "We recommend you divert YOUR course 15 degrees to the south to avoid a collision." The Americans: "This is the Captain of a US Navy ship. I say again, divert YOUR

course." The Canadians: "No. We say again, you divert YOUR course." The Americans: "This is the aircraft carrier USS Lincoln, the second largest ship in the United States' Atlantic Fleet. We are accompanied by three destroyers, three cruisers, and numerous support vessels. I demand that you change your course 15 degrees north, or counter-measures will be undertaken to ensure the safety of this ship." The Canadians: "This is a lighthouse. We recommend that you immediately divert your course to ensure the safety of your ship."

Reverend

"Q. Who was the first minister to be addressed as 'Reverend'?"

"A. Thomas Blake. So titled by his flock on June 11, 1657, according to records left by his descendants, of whom there are many, we might add. Numerous Blakes trace back to the original reverend." (clipped from the Beaver County Times, August 1995)

A Moments Wisdom

- Nothing makes it easier to resist temptation than a good upbringing, sound morals, and -- witnesses.
- When a man is in love with himself, he is unlikely to have much competition.
- Guidance means that I can count on god; commitment means that God can count on me.
- Kindness and love have converted more people than zeal and eloquence.
- Many a false step have been made by standing still.
- It takes only a few minutes to discover in others the faults we fail to see in ourselves in a lifetime.
- Mind your temper; the emptier the pot, the quicker it boils.
- It's usually the person who blows his horn the loudest who is deepest in a fog.
- Self-expression is good; self-control is better.
- If you want to be miserable, spend much time thinking about yourself, what you want, what you like, when respect you think people ought to pay you, and what others may be thinking about you.
- Do not look at where you fell, but at where you slipped.
- Smiles never go up in price nor down in value.
- The best reformers in the world are those who start with themselves.
- Only put off for tomorrow what you are willing to die having left undone.
- The best way to ease your own troubles is to help others in theirs.
- It is better for things to go in one ear and out the other, than for it to go in one ear, get scrambled around between the ears, and then come out of the mouth.
- May you have the hindsight to know where you have been, the foresight to see where you are going, and the insight to know when you have gone too far.
- The Christian life doesn't get easier; it gets better.
- We filter incoming messages through the prism of our prejudices.
- "Kindness is irresistible when it is sincere and without mock smiles and assumed masks. For what can the most unconscionable men do to you if you persist in being kind toward them?" (Marcus Aurelius)
- A politician thinks of the next election; a statesman thinks of the next generation.
- Don't just entertain new ideas; put them to work.
- Humor is the hole that lets sawdust out of a stuffed shirt.
- Your soul is nourished when you are kind; it is starved when you are cruel.