



# Be Encouraged

*By Mervin Sundbo*

We live at a time when it is very easy to become discouraged because we see the turmoil and confusion that exists all around us. Wherever we look there is the likeness to the days of Noah as described in Genesis 6: 11 – 12, “The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.” This is a picture of the unrest and chaos that we witness throughout the earth today. While the present events of this passing age may be disconcerting and troubling to our natural eyes and our natural ears, we must be comforted by the scriptures that allay our fears concerning this present evil age. “Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid” (John 14: 27, NKJV).

Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised” (Heb. 10: 35 & 36). This scripture tells us that the promises of God are to those who do not cast away their confidence but rather endure “our light affliction, which is but for a moment, (and) is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory” (2Cor. 4: 17, NKJV). We must “press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 3: 14, NKJV).

We know that God has been moving by His Spirit down through the ages and will continue to move until He accomplishes all that is in the divine plan for all of His creation. However, the move of the Spirit, that we are familiar with, began in 1948, continues until today and will continue until all is set in order according to the mind and will of the Master Planner. In February of 2013, we will have walked this way for 65 years

and the promise of entering in is still before us. We must not cast away our confidence. “If we hope for something that we cannot see (something not fully manifest), then we must settle down and wait for it” (Rom. 8: 25, Phillips).

There is much to learn from Israel’s experience. From the time of her captivity in Egypt to her eventual exodus from the land of bondage, there was the passage of some four hundred years. In all of that time, God’s plan never changed. Israel may have had her doubts, but God had not forgotten His people, as revealed by these passages of scripture in Exodus. Exodus 2: 23 – 25, “Now it happened in process of time that the king of Egypt died. Then the children of Israel groaned because of the bondage, and they cried out and their cry came up to God because of the bondage. So God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God acknowledged them.” Note some important points about these scriptures: (1) in process of time (patience)—God is putting the deliverance plan in place, (2) Israel cried out to God because of her suffering and oppression, (3) God heard the groaning of Israel

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and He remembered His promise to His people, and (4) God looked with compassion on Israel.

Deliverance was underway. Many long years ensued before the promise was fulfilled, but nevertheless, in process of time and in the plan and purpose of God, He fulfilled what He determined to do. The mighty hand of God delivered Israel from the bondage of her oppressors.

God's people today have many parallels with this scriptural depiction of Israel's day. Like them, our circumstances are often very difficult to endure. Egypt is a type of the world and the world today is full of oppression, which has its influence upon the church and upon God's people. However, the goal or vision has never changed. The promise stands as sure today as it was 65 years ago, which is that God will bring a people to spiritual maturity, even into the likeness and image of His dear Son, Jesus Christ. His nature must become our nature. "Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1: 6, NKJV). This good work began with salvation and as we are faithful to our calling, He will be faithful to finish the work that He has begun. This combination of our faithfulness and the fulfillment of God's promise is found in Phil. 2: 12 & 13, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure" (NKJV).

Let us not allow circumstances to rob us of the goal. Let's not fail the test. When Israel was put to the test, they failed to believe the report of Caleb and Joshua and rather chose to side with the report of the other 10 spies. They chose the evil report rather than the good report. They looked at the obstacles arrayed against them rather than the God who had repeatedly extricated them from insurmountable obstacles in the past. Like Israel, we have a choice. We can cast away our confidence by focusing on the circumstances or we can renew our assurance that He never fails to fulfill His promises to His people. Rom. 8: 18 says, "For I consider the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (NKJV). Be encouraged! There is a dwelling place in Christ that far surpasses anything that we have yet experienced.

I was in a service a while back where one of the elders used this quotation, "The saddest sight to see in all the earth is the church walking with the world; the pure spotless virgin being defiled." God will have

a church that is holy, as expressed in Eph. 5:27, "That He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she should be holy and without blemish" (NKJV). This is the church of the first-born. This is the church for which He shed His precious blood. This is the church that is "built on the foundation of apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone" (Eph. 2: 20, NKJV).

Just as Israel's journey to the Promised Land was an arduous one, fraught with many valley experiences, so our present journey is replete with impossible circumstances. But we serve a God who specializes in the impossible. There is no defeat in Him. Thus, there is victory for His people, if they stay the course and do not cast away their confidence. Charles Price said, in one of his articles, "No one will ever wear the crown unless he first bears the cross." The fall of man came through disobedience to God's command, "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat" (Gen. 2: 17, NKJV). The restoration of man (regeneration) is through the cross of Christ and obedience to God.

We are on our way back to that beautiful relationship with God that He originally intended for man to have. In order for that to happen, God had to provide a sacrifice for sin, which He accomplished through His own precious Son on the cross of Calvary. The fires of purification are not pleasant to the flesh, but how else do you get pure gold or silver except by the fire of refinement? The fiery trials will build into us what nothing else can. In Isaiah 48: 10 we read, "Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction (adversity)" (NKJV).

Like Abraham we look beyond this natural realm and the circumstances of this present age to a dwelling place in the heavenlies where doubts and fears and death itself can no longer have dominion over us. "By faith Abraham ... looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God" (Heb. 11: 8 & 10, KJV). Be encouraged! "For here have we no continuing city (no permanent dwelling place), but we seek one to come" (Gen. 13: 14, KJV). God is well able to fulfill His promises to His people, but He requires faithfulness to the calling unto which He has called us. "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise" (Heb. 10: 35 & 36, KJV).

# Good Stewardship

*By Stephen Levson*

There is a story called 'Too Much Change' that helps to drive home the importance of how honesty in financial matters speaks a lot to other people about our Christian walk. Here it is:

Several years ago, a preacher from out-of-state accepted a call to a church in Houston, Texas. Some weeks after he arrived, he had an occasion to ride the bus from his home to the downtown area.

When he sat down, he discovered that the driver had accidentally given him a quarter too much change. As he considered what to do, he thought to himself, "You'd better give the quarter back. It would be wrong to keep it."

Then he thought, "Oh, forget it, it's only a quarter. Who would worry about this little amount? Anyway, the bus company gets too much fare; they will never miss it. Accept it as a 'gift from God' and keep quiet."

When his stop came, he paused momentarily at the door, and then he handed the quarter to the driver and said, 'Here, you gave me too much change.'

The driver, with a smile, replied, "Aren't you the new preacher in town?"

"Yes," he replied.

"Well, I have been thinking a lot lately about going somewhere to worship. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change. I'll see you at church on Sunday."

When the preacher stepped off of the bus, he literally grabbed the nearest light pole, held on, and said, "Oh God, I almost sold your Son for a quarter."

Our lives are the only Bible some people will ever read. This is a really scary example of how much people watch us as Christians, and how they will put us to the test! Always be on guard -- and remember:

You carry the name of Christ on your shoulders when you call yourself 'Christian.'

Our characteristic of integrity needs to be what drives our decisions about money. Godly character includes patience, diligence, contentment, honesty, discipline, thankfulness, and righteousness. This is not an exhaustive list, but rather some of the key principles that should be at the foundation of our financial management.

Patience is critical as it allows us to seek the Lord for wisdom, save money that we have, and delay

purchases. "But he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent. (Proverbs 28:20) In I Timothy 3:3, the qualifications of a bishop include "...not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient...not covetous." We have been taught that these qualifications apply to every-one of us.

Diligence or hard work is another important principle that we need to keep in mind. Both extremes are observed with regards to one's work ethic. While some people (including myself) tend to be lazy, another group of people can't seem to stop working. I have found very few people in my life that seem to have a balance in the amount of time that they devote to work. "...but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat" (Proverbs 13:4). "...but he that gathereth by labour shall increase" (Proverbs 13:11). "Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might" (Ecclesiastes 9:10). "...not slothful in business" (Romans 12:11).

A third principle is contentment. We don't see a lot of this in the world today. Ironically, North America may demonstrate the least contentment. I have not traveled the world extensively, but in the amount I have, I have noticed an almost an inverted relationship between wealth and contentment. In other words, the more wealth people have, the less content they are, and the less wealth people have, the more they are content. In North America, we have been blessed tremendously, but how often do we hear people asking for more? I am sure, that our lives would be much better if we were more content with what God has blessed us with. "Godliness with contentment is great gain" (I Timothy 6:6). Also in I John 2:15, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world..." Job is a wonderful example of this when he says in Job 1:21, "Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD."

Thankfulness is a character trait that is related to contentment. When we are content, we tend to be thankful. When we are discontent, we tend to complain. The early settlers that came to North America celebrated God's goodness to them in what we now call 'Thanksgiving.' This is something that we can and should do daily. If we take a few minutes to

consider the abundance of God's blessings, we will quickly realize how much we have been given. If we look back on our lives, and see God's hand providing for us, we can appreciate all His care for us. David captures this well in Psalm 103:1-3, "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." David continues in the next few verses being very specific about all the things that God has provided. Another reference to thankfulness is in I Thessalonians 5:18, "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

The fifth character trait relates to the story at the beginning of this article. Honesty is a wonderful testimony, as it shows that our heart is set on doing what is right. "...Provide things honest in the sight of all men" (Romans 12:17). Another related scripture is in I Thessalonians 5:22, "Abstain from all appearance of evil." This is an excellent guideline that will keep us out of a lot of trouble.

In order for us to be honest, we need to have discipline. In fact, our Christian walk is a walk of discipline as we deny our flesh, and walk by the leading of the Holy Spirit. When we consider financial matters, discipline helps us tremendously. "He that ruleth his spirit is greater than he that taketh a city" (Proverbs 16:32).

In financial management, like everything in life,

we want to do what is right. It is not by cleverness or intelligence, but rather by being transformed into God's child. Our carnal natures are not prone to righteousness, but praise God, as we take up our cross and follow Jesus as He leads us by His Spirit, we can gradually overcome the carnal nature. "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Here in Matthew 6:19-21, we are cautioned that our heart will be fixed on what we treasure. If we treasure the things of this world, our heart is there. However, if we treasure God and His kingdom, our heart will be with Him. Where are our hearts?

How we manage our money speaks loudly to those around us. We want to have a testimony of God's leading of our financial management, but also that we have His character to be good stewards of what he has entrusted to us. Let us pray for one another and encourage each other to take on the nature of Christ, and to be good stewards. This subject is much more than dollars and cents, or a quarter. It is about doing what is right in the sight of God and man. Dear Lord, please help us in our financial management. In Jesus name, amen.

# Marriage

*By Nathaniel Swaan*

It is a wonderful thing, an exciting thing, and a blessed thing when two people decide to marry. Solomon said, "There be three things which are too wonderful for me, yea, four which I know not: the way of an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent upon a rock; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; the way of a man with a maid." Love is wonderful and it is mysterious; it was something even Solomon in all his wisdom felt was beyond his understanding.

God holds marriage so sacred as to equate it with the relationship between Christ and the Church. The love between Christ and his bride the Church is upheld in the Word of God as an example of the love that should be between husband and wife. This love has some particular attributes which shed great light on

our responsibility in marriage.

In Revelation when God speaks to the Church at Ephesus he says "I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left their first love." As Christians, Christ is our first love; our relationship with Jesus Christ goes before and transcends all duty, ritual, or obligation. But this relationship and communion is only blessed and can come to full fruition within the structure or order of the Church, the Bride of Christ. In our physical relationships on Earth none is more important than that which we share with our mate. But no matter how intimate, and passionate, and vital that relationship is, it is only sacred, and holy and blessed by God within the structure or order of marriage. Your spouse is your first love, that is, number one, before

everything else. There will be times of trial in your relationship, times of temptation, times of disagreement, mistakes will be made, feelings hurt, but you love and consideration for your mate comes before yourself concern, before your pride, before your ambitions and self interests. Keep these times of struggle in perspective to your personal relationship together as husband and wife. You may have many different houses, different cars, even different jobs, a changing array of material things, all for which are disposable and can be replaced. But your relationship with your spouse is to be for life. Even your relationship to your children must take second place. Don't let the problems that arise concerning these things become major. They are minor compared to that first love.

In Hebrews 13:4 the Bible states "Marriage is honorable in all." The Amplified Version says "Let marriage be held in honor, esteemed worthy, precious, that is of great price, and especially dear, in all things." The Oxford Dictionary defines honor as high respect, esteem, or reverence. It is evident that marriage is very sacred in God's eyes and should be in our lives too. God holds the bonds of marriage so high as to instruct the believer not to leave an unbelieving spouse and says he will sanctify the unbelieving spouse if the other believes. Not only is this institution of marriage to be honored by the Church but individually we are to hold our marriage bond as precious, esteemed, revered.

In the Word of God we see that the relationship between Christ and the Church is directly linked to marriage. Through God's Word, in Ephesians 5:22 – 33 we clearly see the beauty, honor and holiness of marriage. "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it. That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband." We see here that the wife is only required to submit in reverence to her husband, to be willing and softhearted unto him. The main responsibility of marriage is given to the husband. He is required to love his wife as Christ loved the Church, and gave himself for it. This presents a dilemma; for human nature finds it very difficult to submit, and who would claim the success of being able to love their wife to the extent that Christ loved the Church. As we look at this especially precious and wonderful, holy ordinance of marriage we will realize that it is impossible for marriage to function to its fullness unless both husband and wife have a vital and continuous communion with Jesus Christ. It is His love infused into this human relationship that brings it to its full potential. It is important even before you are married to spend much time together in prayer concerning your plans for the future and the way in which you want your relationship to function. Your family altar should start on your marriage night and continue daily. Many times hardened attitudes are softened when you make it a rule in your marriage that you will clasp hands and pray together every night no matter what. It is good also to start your day with devotions together before you go out to face the world.

Let us go back to Ephesians 5:25 "Husbands love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it." When we view the way Christ deals with his bride, the Church, we see some powerful implications for marriage. We see that his love was a sacrificial love; Jesus Christ humbled himself and became as a slave, humbled himself even to death in order to redeem his bride. Christ is never coercive or demanding; rather he is pictured in the Bible as wooing, courting, winning his bride's devotion and obedience with love. This tells us much about the approach a husband should take when trying to convince his wife of a particular course of action. We see here also the great responsibility a man has to first provide for his family, physically, emotionally and spiritually. There is clearly no allowance here for taking time for oneself, heading out to the greens with the boys, or spending family funds on some personal gratification, until the responsibilities of the home are met; whether you come home from a hard day at the office and just want to relax, or not. But this does not mean that the husband should be doing those things which are the wife's responsibility, neither does it mean that he is to

provide every whim and fancy that his family desires. Wisdom and knowledge will be given to the husband and wife concerning these things as you prayerfully seek the Lord.

Revelation 3:20 states, “Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.” Just as Christ is always available, always ready to comfort, always ready to commune and communicate with us, so the husband must always be ready to make extra effort to keep the lines of communication open, to explain, to comfort, to commune with his help meet and love.

Having a wife and family is a sacred responsibility and trust given to man by God. Man holds the headship in his family and is responsible for their actions before God whether he takes that headship or not.

After giving instruction to wives in 1 Peter: 3 the Bible directs husbands in vs. 7 “Likewise ye husbands, dwell with them (wives) according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.” God considers it so important that your union together is given the proper reverence and

esteem. Your prayers will be hindered unless that honor is manifest. We see also that God does not consider husband greater than wife; it is merely a question of office. Husband and wife are joint heirs. There must be that loving atmosphere and attitude to one another, that unity which will nourish and cherish each other. If ever it begins to water down, get together before God and make it right; don’t let bitterness develop.

Marriage is not just an ordinance, not just a concept, but a vital, living and progressive relationship. In order that our marriage be fully fruitful and blessed, our relationship with Christ must also be vital, living and progressive. Our spouse is to be our first love, our best friend, our communing confidant, from the first day of our marriage until the last. It is our responsibility to nurture this relationship, to protect it, and cause it to grow in the face of all odds, and before all things. You will find that as you both grow together and keep your relationship with each other and with Christ vital; your understanding and appreciations of marriage will blossom, and your understanding and appreciation of Christ will blossom and both relationships will become sweeter and deeper as the years go by.

## When the Night has Passed

When the night has passed and shadows flee away,  
And the Kingdom of our God has come to stay;  
The knowledge of the Lord shall cover all the earth and sea,  
And we are from all limitations free,  
With new liberty and spirit we will sing,  
Giving praise and love and honour to our King.

In that New Day that we’ve all been praying for,  
We shall see Him, whom our hearts have so adored.  
Then they who’ve overcome shall in God’s Kingdom rule and reign,  
As peace and justice is restored again.  
For our enemy, the devil, has been bound,  
But the Saviour, our Lord Jesus, has been crowned.

How our hearts, O Lord, are longing for that Day,  
Let your Kingdom come to earth, O Lord, we pray,  
And let your will be done in earth as it is done in Heaven,  
And unto You all glory shall be given.  
Until then our hearts and eyes we’ll upward raise,  
And with joyful hearts Your Holy Name we’ll praise.

— *Ewald H. Wanagas*

# Let Us Renew Our “First Love”

*By Albert Hannigan*

In Revelation Chapter 2:4 we read, “Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love” (KJV). The Lord told the church at Ephesus that they had much in their favour, verses 2 and 3, “I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil:...And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.” In spite of their good record, yet the Lord was displeased that their love for Him had waned.

God would have us maintain our deep and sincere love for Him. Jesus loved the Father and all of us to the very end. An example of this was when he suffered deep agony in the garden of Gethsemane. Jesus was conceived of Mary by the Holy Ghost. Nevertheless, because he was born of a woman, He partook of human flesh, and suffered the feelings of rejection, hatred, and pain. He sweat, as it were, great drops of blood. But He remained true to His calling, and prayed to His Father, “Not my will but thine be done.” And God sent an angel to strengthen Him. When he was before Pilate and Herod, he could have tried to defend himself, but He did not, and remained silent when they questioned Him. Because of His great love for us, and for all mankind, he was determined to go all the way to the cross. He was determined to suffer, and shed His blood for you and me. Praise His Holy Name!!

We have records of other great men of God who could have easily left their ‘first love,’ and gone the easy way. Abraham was called to leave his homeland, the Ur of the Chaldees, and travel to a foreign land, even to Canaan. God told Abraham to do an unspeakable thing, to go and offer his son Isaac, as a sacrifice on the altar, unto the Lord. In the natural, that would be a most unreasonable and foolish thing to do. But Abraham's relationship with God was so close. He knew God's voice and believed that God must have had an important reason to ask him to do such a thing. He and his son Isaac went three days journey to Mount Moriah, where the sacrifice was to be made. Of course, Isaac saw the wood for the fire but questioned his father, “Where is the lamb for the

sacrifice?” Abraham said, “God will provide Himself a lamb for a burnt offering” (Gen. 22:8, KJV). Nevertheless, Abraham bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar upon the wood. What obedience was in Abraham's heart. He knew God's voice, and he was obedient to God's command. He believed that God could even raise his son from the dead; and as he raised his hand with the knife to slay his son, the angel of the Lord called unto him, and said, “Abraham, Abraham: ... lay not thy hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me” (Gen. 22: 12, KJV). Abraham surely maintained his first love for his God.

David was called, “A man after God's own heart.” As a shepherd boy looking after the sheep, he obviously learned to know and love God. He miraculously slew a lion and a bear which tried to harm his sheep. He knew and honoured his God, for when he was confronted with the giant, Goliath, he boldly proclaimed that he would slay him. He won a great victory for the Lord that day and for the children of Israel. Though David sinned against the Lord in his relationship with Uriah the Hittite and with Bathsheba, Uriah's wife, nevertheless he repented bitterly and sincerely as recorded in Psalm 51. God accepted his repentance, and he served God and his nation until the day of his death.

We too may fail God many times, yet we can draw close to Him and renew our deep love for him. He is truly a loving and forgiving God. By walking faithfully in our gifts and calling, God will bless us and keep us in the way of His kingdom. Jesus said, “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends” (John 15: 13, KJV).

The apostle Paul writes in Ephesians chapter 3:17-19, “That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God” (KJV).

May God help us all to diligently draw close to

God, and to His church, the Body of Christ. Each of our ministries is important to the rest of the body. Our ministries are important to people who do not know our God, and we want to share His love and salvation with them. Jesus died for them all. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord"

(I Cor. 15:58, KJV).

We are blest to be able to partake of the communion, week by week. It is a time when we can renew our relationship with our Lord. A good thing to do is told us in I Corinthians 11:28, "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup" (KJV). May we ever renew our first love with the One who has loved us so much. Amen!

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