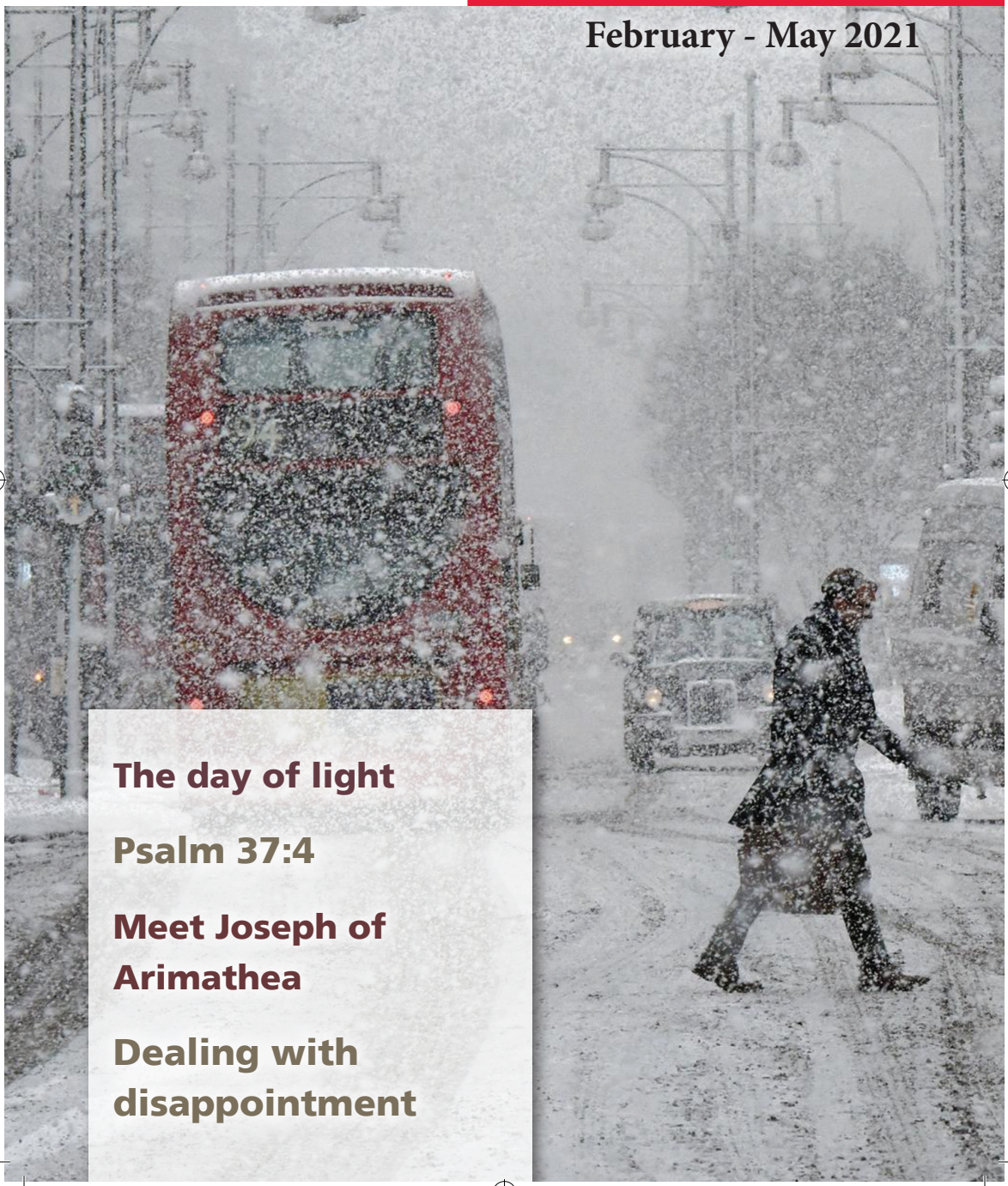
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The day of light

Psalm 37:4

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Dealing with disappointment

Editorial: *Mark Roberts*

What a year 2020 has been. For some it was a year that will never be forgotten and for others it was a year that we will want to forget but cannot.

It has been a year that sadly, some have lost loved ones; some have been ill; others have lost their jobs, and unfortunately, maybe for the first time, some have suffered from mental health issues.

We have had to learn how to use Zoom and other types of software to communicate with others and function as churches and businesses.

But God has been good and His gospel continued to be proclaimed and people have been saved.

It reminds me that God never forgets His people. We may want to forget 2020 and maybe for some good reasons, however God will never forget or abandon us. Why? Because He says so. Hebrews 13 v 5 - "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

We can have confidence in God's Word and in God Himself; He makes promises and keeps them because He has the power to do that. We promise much – especially at the beginning of a New Year with many different New Year resolutions.

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That's just three that we regularly make, and yet so often in a few months they have gone, broken or forgotten. Disappointment kicks in as we have to admit that we don't have the power to carry out the promises that we have made to others, ourselves and God.

But Praise Him, He does have the power to keep and fulfil His promises, so we can be assured and rest in them, even during one of the most difficult years that many of us have had.

And as we journey through 2021, not knowing when things will return to some sort of normal we can remember and be assured that He will NEVER leave us or forsake us.

In this issue of Day One are a number of items I trust will be of interest to you. Please do remember the work in your prayers and if you feel you would like to support us in a financial way please see the centre part of the magazine for details on how to do that.

Enjoy the magazine and, if you have any comments or articles that would be of interest then please, send them in to us at the address on the back page of the magazine. •



Author: *Mark Roberts*

In his regular column for the Hereford Times, the Bishop of Hereford, the Rt Rev Richard Jackson, says don't underestimate the importance of a day's rest.

My son works for a large company in London. Last week he told me his boss gets 800 emails a day.

As the holiday seasons gets into full swing, I bet he needs one!

There is no doubt that emails are quite convenient, but they do create a culture of expectation.

If we send one, we expect it to be answered. It has contributed to the pace of life that's leaving a trail of mental health carnage in its wake.

In contrast, one of my predecessors in his biography said he was so busy because he received up to 20 letters a day. Mind you, he did try and get around Herefordshire on a horse.

It seems that every advance in communication technology lies to us. It promises it will make life more convenient, but all it does is suck more time out of our day and make us more exhausted.

Holidays are an opportunity to stop and take stock for a bit (at least if we turn the emails and phone off).

However, there's a reason Christians believe that one day of the week should be a day of Sabbath. Life simply works better if you have a proper rhythm of work and rest.

When I was an agronomist I had a client, who because of his Christian faith, felt he shouldn't work on a Sunday, nor expect his employees to either.

As an arable farmer at harvest time you might argue that was a risky strategy. However, he always seemed to finish harvest before his neighbours who worked through.

Because they were fresher for six days they just made fewer mistakes and worked much more efficiently.

I am not so naïve as to suggest that as a strategy for other farmers. I do realise how complex and difficult modern farming is. But it does make you think.

Finding a rhythm of work and rest is vital to our mental health.

Too much 'rest', as lockdown has proved, can be bad for you as well.

Sabbath is one of those principles for living that we find in the 10 commandments. They are boundaries that are there to protect not to restrict. •



THE DAY OF LIGHT PART 1

Author: *Howard Sayers*

In this which is planned to be a series of short articles we shall be thinking in terms of the hymnwriter John Ellerton's hymn *'This is the day of light'* with the prayer that follows *'Let there be light today'*. The day to which he refers is obviously the first day of the week and what Christians, in line with the Scriptures, call 'The Lord's Day'. As a society DayOne's mandate is to take a firm stand for the Lord and His Day in the present generation where it is so often slighted and it's testimony not recognised. An earlier generation called the Lord's Day 'The Queen of Days' and 'The Market Day of the Soul'. We neglect it to our own detriment. We begin with the words of another hymn written by Bishop William Walsham How who takes us back to the opening words of the Bible in Genesis 1:1-5 when:

> *This day, at Thy creating word,*
> *First o'er the earth the light was poured.'*

God's book of revelation tells us a number of things quite plainly concerning the very first day, not only of the week but also of creation's existence. Every subsequent day, including our own is rooted in this first day.

1. The heavens and the earth were created personally by God v1

However the heavens and the earth as initially created by God were *'without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep.'* That does not mean there was chaos. Quite simply it was God the Creator's first step in bringing the whole of creation into existence. Meanwhile *'the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters'*. Having spoken the *'heavens and the earth'* into existence:

2. God commanded 'Let there be light' v3

The consequence of the divine command was instantaneous *'and*

there was light'. God would not have His work shrouded in darkness and secrecy but open for all to see and thus bring glory to Himself. Hence when God saw the light He had spoken into being He pronounced it good. The good God immediately reveals that His activity and work in creation is also, and inevitably, good. Evolutionary theory thus denies the goodness of God and fails to give Him all the glory.

3. God Himself 'called the light Day' and 'the darkness He called Night' v4-5

Now with a divine separation between light and darkness the very first day ended. Every day and night since has brought a clear and powerful testimony to the Creator and His creative activity. The remaining six days of creation were not shrouded in mystery or darkness but took place in broad daylight and recorded in the Scriptures so that the evidence for God and His creation would be seen by all.

This is a staggering thought is it not? Clearly what Paul wrote in his letter to the church in Rome is true: *'For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse'* (Romans 1:20). The work of God always brings light but the work of the evil one always brings into darkness, error and superstition. It is not the laws of motion and physics that cause day and night, light and darkness, to continue but the divine decree of the Creator Himself as He said to Noah: *'While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease'* (Genesis 8:22).

I make just one further observation without enlarging now and that is simply that Heaven is the place of permanent light while Hell is the place of permanent darkness. It must be so because *'God is light and in Him is no darkness at all'* (1John 1:5). In His amazing grace our glorious Creator reveals His holy faithfulness to us. As the light shines each morning we are directed to the One from whom all light comes. Then as darkness falls we are reminded of the powers of darkness who enshroud what is clear in obscurity and falsehood. Yet even in the natural darkness the Creator hung the lesser lights on the fourth day (Genesis 1:14-19). The world is therefore never in complete darkness and without hope. Praise God for the created light which has been revealing His work in, and authority over, His creation with every subsequent day since that very 'First Day of the week' when His Creation Light first shone into the darkness'.

Next time we shall see that The First Day of the Week is also 'The Day of Resurrection Light'.•



Author: *John Roberts*

We delight in the Lord, and He in us.

When I was in my teens I had a very good appetite and a sweet tooth. Fry's Turkish Delight was a popular treat, as was a very enjoyable dessert called 'Angel's Delight.' They were difficult to refuse, especially if someone bought them for you. I found them literally, a delight!

When you look up that word in the dictionary, it gives the following definition: 'praise highly' and 'find pleasure in.'

During the next four issues of the magazine I want to consider the word 'Delight' from two perspectives; what it means to us and what it means to God.

The believer's delight.

What does the Christian delight in? In what does the Christian find their greatest pleasure?

Delight in God.

God Himself should be the Christians greatest delight, far above any pastime that may appeal to us in this life. We delight in all that He has done for us, but most of all we delight in who He is. We thank Him for all His attributes, many of which have been demonstrated to us.

The Christian delights in His creation.

A few years ago when my wife and I were on deputation in the beautiful island of Guernsey, we came from our

evening meeting in Cobo, and crowds were gathering waiting for the sun to set over the bay. It was a perfect evening to watch this amazing sight. As the sun began to sink, the cameras flashed and videos recorded the event. As we stood there we wondered how many people in the great crowd would acknowledge the One who created such a beautiful spectacle. Kathryn and I stood quietly that night just delighting in God's creative work. The heavens truly declared the glory of God.

The Christian delights in all God's creation: the mountains, the oceans, the birds, the fish, the wildlife; not forgetting His finest work—man himself. Yes His work is truly our delight.

The Christian delights in His salvation.

If we can delight in His creative work, how much more should we delight in His saving work. Remember that we

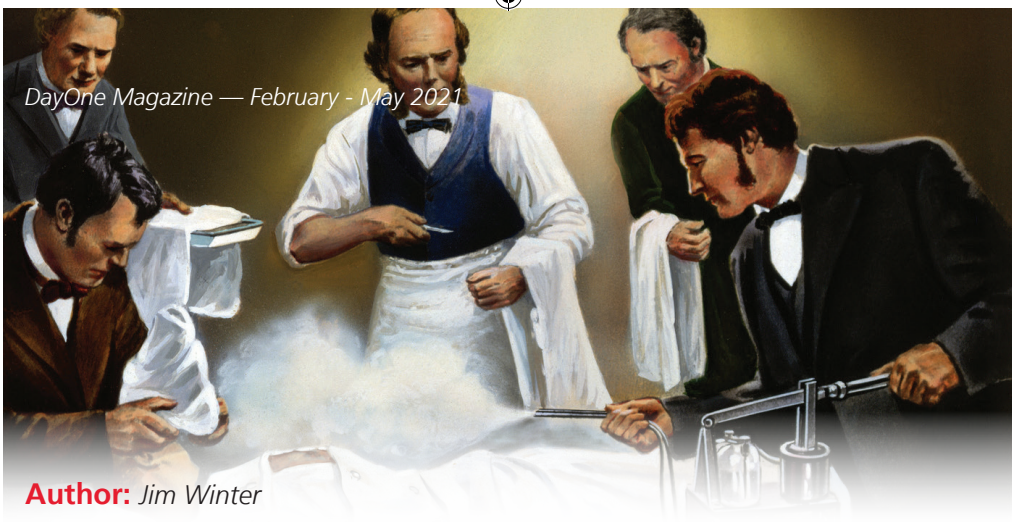


> *Hell was our destiny, but in the goodness of God we were stopped in our tracks, and turned around*

were once dead in trespasses and sins. We are now new creatures in Christ Jesus. We were given a new beginning. We were once travelling in the wrong direction; some intentionally, others through ignorance. Hell was our destiny, but in the goodness of God we were stopped in our tracks, and turned around enabling us to travel in a new direction.

Through the work of our Lord upon the cross our sins, past, present and future were forgiven; the slate was wiped clean. Our sins were buried in the deepest ocean; removed "as far as the east is from the west, never to be remembered against us anymore." Psalm 103 v 12. We delight in God's wonderful forgiveness to sinners.

Our new destiny is heaven where there is no more pain, no tears, no sorrow and no sin. Someone once said that 'it is a place where death dies.' This is the Christian's final destiny, and we will find great pleasure in it. It will be our eternal delight where we will delight in God forever. •



Author: *Jim Winter*

He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed (Isaiah 53:5)

Joseph Lister (1827-1912) began his surgical career at Edinburgh Hospital in 1854. He was deeply concerned that many patients died from infections resulting from the unhygienic surgical practices of the day - many surgeons would not even wash their hands or change their blood-stained clothing between operations. Lister scrupulously washed his own hands and changed clothes before each operation, and this led to a reduced death rate from infection. After a great deal of research, he discovered that carbolic acid or phenol could be used as a disinfectant without causing harm to human skin. On 1 August 1865 he successfully used an antiseptic dressing on a wound, which ultimately revolutionized surgical procedure world-wide, resulting in the saving of countless lives. He was honoured with a Knighthood in 1883 and a Peerage in 1897. The 'Listerine' mouthwash was named after him, in his honour. Born into a Quaker family he later joined the Episcopal Church and throughout his life he remained a devout Christian.

In the Old Testament there are numerous principles and instructions given to the Israelites in order to keep them from the common infections of their day (Leviticus 15; Deuteronomy 23:9-14). In the New Testament, Luke the physician records the parable of the Good Samaritan where the wounds of the victim of a violent assault are treated with oil and wine (Luke 10:37) As a Christian, Sir Joseph Lister would have recognized that there is a cleansing greater than anything that mankind can produce. Sin produces a fatal infection (Romans 5:12). It separates people from God (Ephesians 2:11-13). Paradoxically, it is through the wounds that brought death to Jesus – the perfect sacrifice for sin – that we are purified from the infection that produces death in us. The Bible gives us a wonderful promise: 'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness' (1 John 1:9). •

As we look forward to 2021, we know that 2020 has been a hard year for all of us. We have lost loved ones, felt the pain of ill health both physically and mentally, and felt financial pressures. However we are once again thankful to God for his provision. Please do keep remembering us in your prayers.

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We try not to be complacent and assure all our supporters that we will scrutinise any future legislation that comes before Parliament as we strongly believe that the Lord's Day needs to be upheld within our land. It is clear that the coming year could bring many changes, but we are comforted by the fact that God is still in control and we place our entire confidence in Him.
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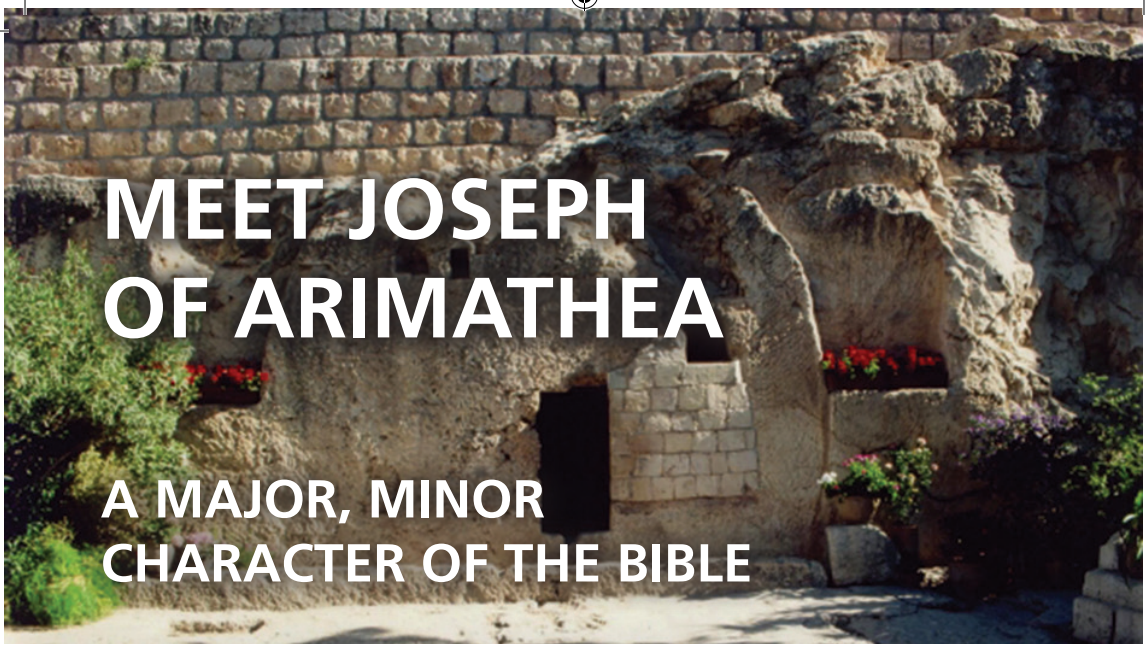
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MEET JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA

A MAJOR, MINOR CHARACTER OF THE BIBLE

Author: *Timothy Cross*

One of the major, 'minor' characters of the Bible is a man by the name of Joseph, who hailed from the Jewish town of Arimathea. Truth be told, we do not know a great deal about this Joseph - it is as though he walks in and out of the limelight in just a few seconds.

The Holy Spirit who caused the Bible to be written though, has ensured that a brief paragraph is devoted to Joseph of Arimathea in all four of the Gospel accounts, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. This shows that the Holy Spirit would have us know about and learn from Joseph - a man described as 'a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews' (John 19:38).

In a nutshell, Joseph was to make his outstanding mark on world history as the one who provided his own new rock tomb as the place in which the Lord Jesus was buried, after He had been crucified. What then can we learn from what we know of the life of Joseph of Arimathea? At least three things:-

1. Joseph of Arimathea was devoted to the Lord Jesus

Joseph's devotion to the Saviour is very evident from the Gospel records. His greatness then was not intrinsic, but by association with the Son of God. After all the cruel hate of Calvary, Joseph's tender love for Jesus is very moving. Luke, for instance, records how Joseph 'went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down (from the cross) and wrapped it in a linen shroud, and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb, where no one had ever yet been laid' (Luke 23:52 ff.). From this we see that Joseph was devoted to the Lord Jesus both in life and in death - and here in lies his greatness. Herein lies our greatest blessing too,

for it is in a faith-union with Christ that we - insignificant though we are in the world's eyes - receive God's gift of eternal life. Paul explained to the Romans:- 'Do you not know that all of us who have been baptised into Christ were baptised into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His' (Romans 6:3 ff.).

2. Joseph did one thing well

Joseph of Arimathea is remembered primarily for just one thing: he was the human provider of Jesus's tomb. He, according to Matthew 27:60 'laid (the body of the Lord) in his own new tomb which he had hewn in the rock.' At the beginning of His earthly life, God provided the Lord Jesus with a virgin womb; at the end of His earthly life, God provided Jesus with a virgin tomb, and He did so through His servant Joseph.

There is a message for us here and it is this: Put your all at God's disposal, for He can use it in a much greater way than you can ever conceive. The message for us also is to do one thing well for God. Joseph's one thing was his disposal of his tomb for the Lord. Some of us are hindered and handicapped by the knowledge that we are not widely gifted. Yet surely there is at least one thing we can do for the Lord which will bring glory to Him and blessing to others. By God's grace, let us seek out this one matter - a task which is unique to ourselves - and let us do it with all the zeal and strength that God gives us.



3. Joseph's tomb became a vacant tomb

Joseph of Arimathea and the empty tomb of the resurrection morning are inextricably bound. The resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ is one of the fundamentals of the Christian Faith. Joseph buried Jesus, lovingly and securely, in his own tomb - but three days later Jesus rose from the dead. Joseph's tomb could not contain Him.

The earliest Christian creed - a minimal 'Statement of Faith' explains how 'that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures' (1 Corinthians 15:3,4). The detailed fulfilment of Scripture which occurred here is inexplicable apart from Divine inspiration. Hundreds of years previously, Isaiah foretold of Christ 'they made His grave with the wicked and with a rich man in His death'(Isaiah 53:9). Matthew 27:57 describes Joseph as 'a rich man from Arimathea . . .' David wrote in verse 10 of the Messianic Psalm 16: 'Thou dost not give me up to Sheol, or let Thy godly One see the pit.' This prophecy was also wonderfully fulfilled on the first Easter morning, when the message of the angel rang out from Joseph of Arimathea's empty tomb: 'He is not here; for He has risen as He said. Come see the place where He lay' (Matthew 28:6).

He devoted his all to Jesus, and he did one thing well. He did what he could, with what he had, to the glory of God and to the glory of the risen Saviour Who conquered the grave, and is still at work in changing lives, even today.

Joseph of Arimathea. He is a major, minor character of the Bible. We do not know a great deal about him, but we do know that He loved the Saviour. He devoted his all to Jesus, and he did one thing well. He did what he could, with what he had, to the glory of God and to the glory of the risen Saviour Who conquered the grave, and is still at work in changing lives, even today.

He lives triumphant from the grave
He lives eternally to save
He lives all glorious in the sky
He lives exalted there on high

He lives to bless me with His love
And still He pleads for me above
He lives to raise me from the grave
And me eternally to save. •



DEALING WITH DISAPPOINTMENT

Author: *Timothy Cross*

Just as the weather brings us both showers and sunshine in varying measures, so also, God's providence sends us disappointments as well as joys. We all experience disappointments from time to time, and some of these can be very crushing. What is disappointment? The dictionary defines the verb 'disappoint' as 'to fail to satisfy the hopes or expectation; to frustrate hopes etc.'

By way of example, here is an unemployed, Christian Graduate. He sees a wonderful job advertised in the paper. He believes he is ideally suited for it. He fills in the application form carefully, and sends it off in the post with a prayer, and waits … Weeks later, he receives a curt letter thanking him for his interest in the position, whilst informing him that he has been 'unsuccessful on this occasion.' His sense of disappointment is acute.

Here also is a young Christian lady. She is single, yet secretly would love to be married. A young Christian man arrives in her church. He seems very eligible and so her hopes are raised. She makes the matter a subject of prayer … Sadly for her though, the fellow pairs up with her best friend instead. External appearances to the contrary, she is very churned up and upset.

Further examples of disappointment could be multiplied. You - like me - could no doubt illustrate from your own hard and harsh experience.

How though do we cope with the disappointments of this life? Truth be told, the way we react to disappointment reveals our Christian maturity - or lack of it. Consider then the following truths from the Bible - truths which sweeten the bitter pill which is disappointment.

1. Consider God's Governing Control over His Children's Lives

The Westminster Confession states that 'God, from all eternity, did, by the most wise and holy counsel of is own will, freely, and unchangeably ordain whatsoever comes to pass …' Here it is merely summarising the teaching of Scripture. The Lord Jesus said 'Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground without your Father's will' (Matthew 10:28). The Apostle Paul stated that 'From Him and through Him and to Him are all things …' (Romans 11:36) and 'There is one God, the Father, from whom are all things …' (1 Corinthians 8:6).

Whoever coined the phrase 'Our disappointments are His appointments' then was spot on, for according to the Bible, nothing is accidental in our lives. No. The Bible teaches that everything which happens to us is ultimately sent to us from our Father in heaven.

When we realise that our disappointments - as well as our joys - are literally heaven sent, they are much easier to take. 'It is the LORD; let Him do what seems good to Him' (1 Samuel 3:18). The God of the Bible is infinitely wiser than we are! It has been well said that 'those who see God's hand in everything may leave everything in the hand of God.' Cleaving to the promises of Scripture, even in our disappointments, we may affirm 'We know that in everything God works for good with those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose' (Romans 8:28):-

Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never-failing skill
He treasures up His bright designs
And works His sovereign will.

2. Consider God's Gracious Character in relation to His Children's Lives

The Lord Jesus said 'What man of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!' (Matthew 7:9-11).

When we consider the good and gracious character of the God revealed in the Bible - and meditate on His attributes - we are forced to conclude that He is incapable of sending anything bad to His children! He is too good, righteous, kind, wise and loving to do so. Disappointments in our lives therefore are only seeming disappointments. 'Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood' (1 Corinthians 13:12). In the light and hindsight of eternity, we will surely thank God for all He sent our way, and marvel that even our disappointments and set-backs were woven into His providential pattern for our ultimate blessing and good.

When disappointments come our way therefore, the Christian way of reacting is to get our minds off the immediate 'blow', and to fix our minds on our Father in heaven. The Bible reveals both His governing control and His gracious character. He 'did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all' (Romans 8:32). Knowing both of these divinely revealed truths, amidst our disappointments, we can concur with the hymn, and tell ourselves to:-

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense
But trust Him for His grace
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face

His purposes will ripen fast
Unfolding every hour
The bud may have a bitter taste
But sweet will be the flower.

Finally, when disappointment comes our way, what of:-

3. God's Good Concern for His Children's Lives

When crushing disappointments come our way, we must not lose our grip on the fact that the God of the Bible is a God of unalloyed goodness. 'Thou art good and doest good …' (Psalm 119:68). 'The LORD is good …' (Nahum 1:7). The over-riding will and purpose of God is for His own children to be blessed, and His holy name to be glorified. 'Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever' (Shorter Catechism).

God's concern then is for His children's welfare and blessing - their ultimate and eternal good. There are, however, many misconceptions as to what exactly constitutes 'blessing.' How many people would associate 'blessing' with, say, a fulfilling job, financial security, a happy marriage, robust health, or even an exotic holiday? Whilst we may thank God for these 'blessings' should they come our way, according to the Bible, true blessing is spiritual, not material. According to the Bible, true blessing is knowing God Himself, the fount of all blessing, and enjoying His blessed presence in our lives both here and hereafter. Jesus said 'This is eternal life, that they know Thee the only true God and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent' (John 17:3). David said 'In Thy presence there is fullness of joy, in Thy right hand are pleasures for evermore' (Psalm 16:11).

Do we then perhaps have a key here to the earthly disappointments which we experience? Are they not sent to wean us off the temporary things of earth and time, and to draw us closer to God Himself, who is the source of all true and lasting blessing? If so, our earthly disappointments are really blessings in disguise, ensuring that even good and legitimate things do not rob us of the very best. When the fragility of our earthly 'blessings' are revealed, we seek and find the dependable blessing of heaven in a much more deeper way. With the Psalmist we say 'Whom have I in

heaven but Thee? And there is nothing upon earth that I desire besides Thee. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever' (Psalm 73:25,26).

The good and legitimate 'blessings' of earth then are poor and pitiful substitutes for knowing God Himself. Sometimes then God may see fit to knock our props and false idols away from us and send us a disappointment. Such is a painful experience. Yet ultimately, if it makes us seek the Lord more earnestly, and find our solace, satisfaction and adequacy solely in Him, our disappointment will turn into praise as surely as the dawn follows the night. 'It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might know Thy statues' (Psalm 119:71).

The God of the Bible then knows how to balance joy and disappointment in our lives, just as He knows how to balance sunshine and showers in creation. Too much earthly joy may blind us to the eternal joys, giving us a warped perspective. Hence the divinely sent disappointments. They cast us on God and His all-sufficient grace and make us long for the eternal, lasting joy of His presence. There will be no disappointment in heaven!
There is a lesser known hymn which encapsulates much of what we have just considered. Why not make it your prayer today? It goes:-

My God I thank Thee who hast made
The earth so bright
So full of splendour and of joy

> *...we must not lose our grip on the fact that the God of the Bible is a God of unalloyed goodness.*

Beauty and light
So many glorious things are here
Noble and right

I thank Thee too that Thou has made
Joy to abound
So many gentle thoughts and deeds
Circling us round
That in the darkest spot of earth
Some love is found

I thank Thee more that all my joy
Is touched with pain
That shadows fall on brightest hours
That thorns remain
So that earth's bliss may be my guide
And not my chain

For Thou who knowest Lord how soon
Our weak heart clings
Hast given us joys, tender and true
Yet all with wings
So that we see gleaming on high
Diviner things

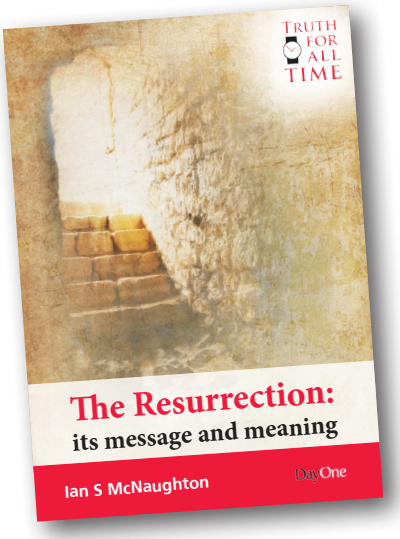
I thank Thee Lord that Thou hast kept
The best in store
I have enough yet not too much
To long for more
A yearning for a deeper peace
Not known before

I thank Thee Lord that here our souls
Though amply blest
Can never find, although they seek
A perfect rest -
Nor ever shall until they lean
On Jesus' breast. •

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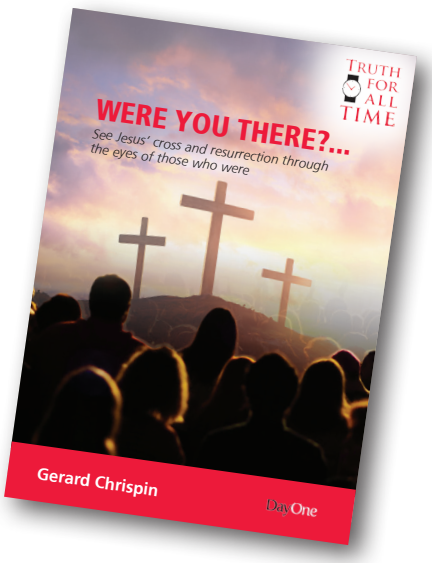
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