



Monthly Memory Verse July 2013

Ecc 5:1-2 Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil. Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.

John Gill's - Exposition
of the Entire Bible

**“Ecc 5:2 Be not rash
with thy mouth, and
let not thine heart
be hasty to utter *any*
thing before God,....**

In private conversation
care should be taken
that no rash and
unadvised words be
spoken in haste, as
were by Moses and
David; and that no
evil, nor even any idle
word he uttered, since
from, the abundance
of the heart the mouth
is apt to speak, and all
is before, the Lord; not
a word in the tongue
but is altogether
known by him, and
must be accounted for
to him, [Psa 106:33](#).

Jerom interprets this
of words spoken
concerning God; and
careful men should be
of what they say of
him, of his nature and
perfections, of his
persons, and of his
works; and it may be
applied to a public
profession of his
name, and of faith in
him;”

DALE'S NOTES

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A MESSAGE OF CONSIDERATION PART 2

QUOTING REFORMATION PREACHERS OR WELL KNOWN AUTHORS

If we are to chronicle such great preachers of the Reformation, or use quotes from some well known author, then we should make sure the content and explanation is clearly articulated for the purpose of repentance and faith towards Jesus Christ within the proclamation. Are you one of those, who think, after coming to Christ there's no need for the practice of repentance towards God? If this be true know you are deceived by your folly for *“If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness”* and *“... if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses”*

HISTORICAL FACTS FOR OUR INTELLECTS

We simply do not give the historical facts of godly men/women to tickle the fancies of our intellects, “for whatsoever is not of faith is sin (*Rom. 14:23*)” (*Some versions read: “For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin” – the idea is whatever is not lived out in faith by conviction is sin!*) Our message should hold the foundation, the Head (*Jesus Christ and him crucified*) to provoke the listeners unto faith and good works towards God (*Hebrews 6:1, Hebrews 10:24*). God forbid, we stand in the place of God's pulpit and regurgitate historical narratives incorrectly and defile ourselves by guessing before God's listeners to the defacing of honorable men/women, thus, bring shame upon Christ for our lack of diligence: *“Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God:”* If we are talking about a junior preacher, there are no allowances before God concerning His truth! We are to tread softly, quietly, humbly, upon the holy ground of truth, standing with shoes removed in fearful dread (*Proverbs 1:7, 9:10; Psalms 111:10*)! Therefore let thy words be few (*The key here is your words are to be few!*)! To fear Him [the Almighty] is only right, it lets the one who's called to preach know the weight of truth and the responsibility before God in which he stands to proclaim it!! The standard is high for our God is higher than all! Therefore, do not be rash with thy mouth!

Albert Barnes – Notes
on the Bible

**“Romans 14:23 For
whatsoever ... -**

“Whatever is not done with a full conviction that it is right, is sinful; whatever is done when a man doubts whether it is right, is sin.” This is evidently the fair interpretation of this place. Such the connection requires. It does not affirm that all or any of the actions of impenitent and unbelieving people are sinful, which is true, but not the truth taught here; nor does it affirm that all acts which are not performed by those who have faith in the Lord Jesus, are sinful; but the discussion pertains to Christians; and the whole scope of the passage requires us to understand the apostle as simply saying that a man should not do a thing doubting its correctness; that he should have a strong conviction that what he does is right; and that if he has “not” this conviction, it is sinful. The rule is of universal application.”

INTELLECTUAL PULPITS

Our intellectual pulpits are filled with hasty/rash chatter, even foolish babble before a holy God, who’s holy fear is absent in our sanctuaries. If this were not true we dare not say the things we do! It is He that walks among the candlesticks taking account of actions performed to his glory in love (*Rev. 2:1*). If the preacher will not curve his tongue of vanities neither will his listeners which partakes in the nonsense of the gathering “a little leaven leavens the whole lump”. If leadership will not surrender their tongues to holiness in proclaiming the word of God you can be sure many will follow their tenacious vanities in and out of the place of worship.

TEACHERS AND INSTRUCTORS

Know this teachers and instructors, if the blind lead the blind they will both fall into the ditch (*They that maintain the pulpit and them which sit in the pew*). Such vanities of vanities are displayed in front of our God’s face. You use his place for entertainment, worldly pleasures, yes even a place of business calling it holy. But know this; He calls you to repentance, to believe the truth found in his everlasting word! You sing your music, you recite your poetry, you turn on your cameras, you record yourselves, you set your lighting, you pass out your leaflets, you embellish your wordy examples and you pound your fist to impress the curious, all in the name of the Lord! Be careful unless you find yourself to hear the words of dread: “I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity!”

Now Hear the word of a Preacher entertainment, entertainment, oh, all earthly pleasures can be found in the House of God! But God has spoken “do not love the world, neither the things that are in the world!” For you-practice pagan idolatry of “My Rights” to the killing of your unborn, to be casted off as refuse, even the selling to the market, for you-practice pagan idolatry of the piercing and marking of your bodies to display your nakedness;”2tim. 4:2 ...having their conscience seared with a hot iron”, and you worship at the ointment of the fountain of youth to obtain the lust in this carnal life! But His [God’s] call - is to holiness and godliness which without no one will see the Lord (*Hebrews 12:14*)! Oh Vanities of Vanities are tested by the preacher, first for the word which is closed to him who knows Him not and His [God’s] door will open only to those who truly seek him with all their hearts. Preach your sermons and preach your message but God will judge his people then comes the destruction of evil! O’ repent you men of the earth for the evil you have committed under the sun for His day comes and there is no repentance in it! O’ have great fear, great fear for his day does approach and there’s no escape once upon you!

DO NOT LOVE THE WORLD

“1st John 2:15-16 Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any

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“Romans 14:23 for whatsoever is not of faith is sin. This is a general rule, or axiom, which is not only applicable to the present case, but to any other, whether of a natural, civil, moral, or evangelic kind: "whatsoever does not spring from faith", as the Arabic version renders it, cannot be excused of sin; whatever is not agreeable to the word and doctrine of faith, ought not to be done; whatever is done without faith, or not in the exercise of it, is culpable, for without faith nothing can be pleasing to God; and whatever is contrary to the persuasion of a man's own mind, is so far criminal, as it is a violation of his conscience; whatever men do, especially in a religious way, they ought to make faith of it, or to be fully persuaded of it in their own minds, or they act amiss:”

man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.”

YOUR WORD IS DIFFICULT

They say his message is condemning, he's a grumbler, and the spirit of God doesn't rest on him. We enjoy the lightweight things and only practice that which comes easy. But he has called you to “go ye out and make disciples” and they imagine themselves to be preachers like the apostle Paul or someone like Whitfield! They have read their biographies but have failed to understand the words such as jails, orphans, sailors, fields, churches, neighbors and labors for the Kingdom of God!

A few days in the life of George Whitfield-

“On September 9, 1738, he left Charleston, South Carolina, for the trip back to London. It was a perilous voyage. For two weeks a bad storm beat the boat. About one-third of the way home, they met a ship from Jamaica which had ample supplies to restock the dwindling food and water cargo on their boat. After nine weeks of tossing to and fro they found themselves in the harbor of Limerick, Ireland, and in London in December. On Sunday, January 14, 1739, George Whitefield was ordained as a priest in the Church of England by his friend, Bishop Benson, in an Oxford ceremony. Upon his return to London, he thought that the doors would be opened and that he would be warmly received. Instead it was the opposite. Now many churches were closed to him. His successes, preaching, and connection with Methodist societies--in particular his association with the Wesleys--were all opposed by the establishment. However, he preached to as many churches as would receive him, working and visiting with such as the Moravians and other non-conformist religious societies in London. However, these build- ings were becoming too small to hold the crowds. Alternative plans had to be formulated. Howell Harris of Wales was preaching in the fields. Whitefield wondered if he ought to try it too. He concluded he was an outcast anyway, so why not try to reach people this”new” way? He held a conference with the Wesleys and other Oxford Methodists before going to Bristol in February. Soon John Wesley would be forced to follow Whitefield's example. Just outside the city of Bristol was a coal mine district known as Kingswood Hill. Whitefield first preached here in the open on February 17, 1739. The first time about 200 came to hear him, but in a very short time he was preaching to 10,000 at once. Often they stood in the rain listening with the melodies of their singing being heard two miles away. One of his favorite preaching places was just out- side London, on a great open tract known as Moorfields.” - <http://www.believersweb.org/view.cfm?ID=94> -written by an unknown author but not unknown to GOD, <http://www.desiringgod.org/resource-library/biographies/i-will-not-be-a-velvet-mouthed-preacher> desiringGod (*John Piper's Ministry*) and http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Whitefield

The word to be declared

There is **only** one thing to preach and that is Jesus Christ the living word of GOD, nothing else will do, all other words will fail. Be engaged for the Glories of Christ our Lord! Be like Elisha son of Shaphat for he was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair when God laid the mantle of His ministry on his shoulders (1kings 19:19)! Lazy preachers are a dime a dozen!

Our fellow countryman Benjamin Franklin

Now a word concerning the friend of George Whitfield; though Benjamin Franklin did not embrace the doctrines of Jesus Christ when hearing George Whitfield, nevertheless he was moved many, many times to service to honor the Lord (*read the web references above*). I wish that it could be said, if they will not receive our savior as Lord and God they will find themselves to honor him in their earthly efforts to prevent the abounding of evil because of our evident witness found within our godly lives! Honorable men are honorable men of which we are in great need of men with integrity and such that are willing to lose all for Christ and His glory!

Now be it far from me to accept anything but faith in Jesus Christ alone but should they refuse us, it's my hope we could win them over to do good to all men even as our fellow countryman Benjamin Franklin, who did seek good for many. Leave all judgment to God unless we are found liars in light of the mercies of God to save such sinners like us! Be careful your intellectual understanding is not the governance of sight but instead submit all that you-are to Jesus Christ in faith and love, commending your very souls to him who judges righteously (*Luke 23:46*). It's enough!

“1Peter 2:23 -Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed *himself* to him that judgeth righteously.”

PRAYER

Lord of Heaven, my Heavenly Father, please grant me mercy and forgiveness for my blindness and sin, for truly I don't understand all things! Forgive me of such pride, arrogance and my short sightedness which is a lack of faith to live your holy word by faith in your holy Son Jesus Christ. Help me, walk in your love toward them within and without that your name be exalted through the proclamation of your truth and not my opinions. Help me grab the mantle left by former Brother's to preach nothing but scripture alone, for thy word is truth, and I am in much need to hear from you. Blessed be your great name forever and ever. Amen.